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Be to avoid foolish Predictions,  
Which are but idle LIES and FICTIONS.

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## A Visionary PREFACE.

ONCE on a Time, I imagined myself in a fine open Walk, where I saw a Crowd of People who addressed each other without speaking, and waited together, as though in earnest Discourse, yet parted without uttering a single Word. On Examination I found, that they had a peculiar Manner of explaining themselves, and understanding each other by Gestures. I observed several that bowed their Heads, and carelessly inclined one Shoulder, when they would address their Companions, while the Parties addressed, nimbly bent their Bodies a little forward, drew one Foot back, and bowed their Heads two or three Times; after which, each Party precipitately embraced, kissed, cut a Caper, embraced again, stroked up their Hair, and so parted.

It appeared to me, that the *Women* excelled in this mute Language. They had a Method of turning their Eyes so as to express, at one Glance, more than could be written in three Pages, and make five or six Men laugh, for a Quarter of an Hour, by a sly Wink of one Eye-Lid. I observed a young Girl turn her Head towards a proper young Fellow, and throw a Glance at him from the Corner of her Eye. The Youth instantly bowed, stepped back two Paces, bowed again, and, recovering himself, slipped one Hand under his Girdle, at the same Time carelessly playing with the other with a Bunch of Ribbands she wore under her Chin; shewing, at the same Time, without Design or Affectation, a fine Ring he wore on his little Finger; and somewhat elevating his Shoulders, bowed, turned his Eyes first on the Sky, then on the Earth, and concluded by attentively staring on the young Lady, who returned all this by a dumb Shew, little different from the former.

These Gestures attracted the Observation of the Spectators; some laughing, some clapping each other on the Shoulders; while others, holding down their Heads, made such antick Grimaces, that one might take them for *Chinese* Pagogs. The Girl, perceiving that her own Conduct had given Rise to all this Mimickry, seemed a little confounded; but the Spark was charmed with having drawn the Attention of the Company on his Mistress, and, recovering from his Reverie, stamped with his Foot, drummed on the Lid of his Snuff-Box, and made a sham Cough, in Order to recal their Attention.

I also perceived, among these People, some who pretended to assume the Appearance of Learning and Eloquence. Their Salutation was, by clasping and shaking of Hands; yet, though they did not ogle, as the former, their Conduct appeared not much less ridiculous; walking sometimes gently, sometimes swiftly, and by their insignificant, unmeaning Air, they might well be taken for *Neapolitan* Peasants bit by the *Tarantula*, who, every Instant run into some new Species of Folly!

At the Thoughts of being surrounded by a Set of People so vain and trifling I awoke; folly persuaded that one may find, among the *Beaux* and *Coquettes* of the present Age, a perfect Copy of these People, speaking by Grimace and Gestures; approaching nearer the Nature of *Automatons* and Puppets than Humanity: If it be true, that Reason is the Essence of that Humanity so much dishonoured by three fourths of Mankind,

Farewell!

**A TABLE of all the *KINGS* and *QUEENS* of *England*,  
since the *CONQUEST* in 1066.**

<i>Names of Kings</i>	<i>Born A.D.</i>	<i>When they began to reign</i>	<i>Reigned Y. M.</i>	<i>Since their Reigns ended</i>	<i>Where buried</i>
William I.	1027	1066, Octob. 14	20 11	693, Septem. 9	Caen Nor.
William II.	1057	1087, Sept. 9	12 11	680, August 2	Winchest.
Henry I.	1068	1100, Aug. 2	35 4	645, Decemb. 1	Reading
Stephen	1105	1135, Dec. 1	18 11	626, Octob. 25	Feverham

**Saxon Line Restored.**

Henry II.	1133	1154, Octob. 25	34 8	591, July 6	Fountever
Richard I.	1156	1189, July 6	9 9	581, April 6	Fountever
John	1165	1199, April 6	17 6	64, October 19	Worcester
Henry III.	1207	1216, Octob. 19	56 1	508, Novem. 16	Westmin.
Edward I.	1239	1272, Nov. 16	34 8	473, July 7	Westmin.
Edward II.	1284	1307, July 7	19 7	453, January 25	Gloucester
Edward III.	1312	1327, January 25	50 5	403, June 21	Westmin.
Richard II.	1366	1377, June 21	22 3	381, Septem. 29	Westmin.

**Lancaster Line.**

Henry IV.	1367	1399, Sept. 29	13 6	367, March 20	Canterb.
Henry V.	1389	1413, March 20	9 5	358, August 31	Westm.
Henry VI.	1421	1422, August 31	38 6	319, March 4	Windfor

**York Line.**

Edward IV.	1442	1461, March 4	22 1	297, April 9	Windfor
Edward V.	1471	1483, April 9	0 2	297, June 22	Unkno.
Richard III.	1443	1483, June 22	2 2	295, August 22	Leicester

**Families United.**

Henry VII.	1456	1485, August 22	23 8	271, April 22	Westm.
Hen. VIII.	1492	1509, April 22	37 9	23, January 28	Windfor
Edward VI.	1537	1547, January 28	6 5	227, July 6	Westm.
Q. Mary	1516	1553, July 6	5 4	222, Novem. 17	Westm.
Q. Elisab.	1533	1558, Nov. 17	44 4	177, March 24	Westm.

**Kingdoms United.**

James I.	1566	1603, March 24	22 6	155, March 27	Westm.
Charles I.	1600	1625, March 27	23 10	131, January 30	Windfor
Charles II.	1630	1649, January 30	36 0	95, February 6	Westm.
James II.	1633	1685, Feb. 6	4 0	91, February 13	S. Germ.
Will. & Mar. II.	1650	1689, Feb. 13	13 1	78, March 8	Westm.
Mary II.	1662	1689, Feb. 13	5 10	86, December 28	Westm.
Q. Anne	1665	1702, March 8	12 5	66, August 1	Westm.
George I.	1660	1714, August 1	12 10	53, June 11	Hanover
George II.	1683	1727, June 11	33 4	20, Octob. 25	Westm.
George III.	1738	1760, Oct. 25			

God bless our gracious *SOV'REIGNS* *KING* and *QUEEN*;  
May *THEY* in Health, Wealth, Peace, and Plenty reign;  
And, may *THEIR* Royal *Issue* evermore abide  
Great Britain's Safeguards, and *OLD ENGLAND'S* Pride! *Amen.*

Old POOR ROBIN (not being very fond of *exorbitant* Interest) presents his honest Readers with a *complete Table*: which tells you the Interest of any Sum, from one Pound to a Million of Pounds, for any Number of Days, at any Rate of Interest.

N <sup>o</sup>	l.	s.	d.	q.	N <sup>o</sup>	l.	s.	d.	q.
1000000—	27	19	14	6 0 ,99	1000—	2	14	9 2 ,14	
900000—	24	65	15	0 3 ,29	900—	2	9	3 3 ,12	
800000—	21	91	15	7 1 ,59	800—	2	3	10 0 ,11	
700000—	19	17	16	1 3 ,89	700—	1	18	4 1 ,10	
600000—	16	43	16	8 2 ,19	600—	1	12	10 2 ,80	
500000—	13	69	17	3 0 ,49	500—	1	7	4 3 ,70	
400000—	10	95	17	9 2 ,79	400—	1	1	11 0 ,50	
300000—	8	21	18	4 1 ,09	300—	0	16	5 1 ,40	
200000—	5	47	18	10 3 ,40	200—	0	10	11 2 ,30	
100000—	2	73	19	5 1 ,70	100—	0	5	5 3 ,15	
90000—	2	46	11	6 0 ,32	90—	0	4	11 0 ,71	
80000—	2	19	3	6 0 ,96	80—	0	4	4 2 ,41	
70000—	1	91	15	7 1 ,59	70—	0	3	10 0 ,11	
60000—	1	64	7	8 0 ,22	60—	0	3	3 1 ,81	
50000—	1	36	19	8 2 ,85	50—	0	2	8 3 ,51	
40000—	1	09	11	9 1 ,48	40—	0	2	2 1 ,21	
30000—		84	3	10 0 ,11	30—	0	1	7 2 ,90	
20000—		54	15	10 2 ,74	20—	0	1	1 0 ,60	
10000—		27	7	11 1 ,37	10—	0	0	6 2 ,30	
9000—		24	13	1 3 ,23	9—	0	0	5 3 ,67	
8000—		21	18	4 1 ,10	8—	0	0	5 1 ,04	
7000—		19	3	6 2 ,96	7—	0	0	4 2 ,41	
6000—		16	8	9 0 ,82	6—	0	0	3 3 ,78	
5000—		13	13	11 2 ,58	5—	0	0	3 1 ,15	
4000—		10	19	2 0 ,55	4—	0	0	2 2 ,52	
3000—		8	4	4 2 ,41	3—	0	0	1 3 ,89	
2000—		5	9	7 0 ,27	2—	0	0	1 1 ,26	
1000—		2	14	9 2 ,14	1—	0	0	0 2 ,63	

### R U L E.

Multiply the Sum by the Number of Days; and that Product by the Rate *per Cent*. Then cut off the two last Figures to the Right Hand, and the Rest you must find in the Table.

*Example*, What is the Interest of 100l. for 365 Days at 5l. *per Cent*?

N<sup>o</sup> of Days 365  
multiply by 100

Product 36500

multiply by 5 Rate *per Cent*

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Then, in the Table,

against 1000 is 2 14 9 2 ,14

800—2 3 10 0 ,11

20—0 1 1 0 ,60

5—0 0 3 1 ,15

Answer 5 00 0 0 ,00

The OLD KNIGHT, i. e. *Old Poor Robin*; being very desirous to oblige ALL his Countrymen; but more particularly, his good, old, loving Customers, &c. more and better in every Year; and, humbly presuming that they are ALL of them dear Lovers of the ready RHINO (of which he wishes them Plenty) is in Hopes that the following TABLE, which is contrived and designed, as a Sort of *Handmaid*, or *Assitant* to the foregoing one, will answer that End. Because, both these *two* TABLES together (which are now before you at one opening of the Book) may assist you much in making the best *lawful* Use of your Money. For, as *that* gives you the Interest, so *this* gives you (by Inspection) the exact Number of Days from the First of *January*, to any Day in the Year; and (with very little Trouble) between any other *two* intermediate Days, just as Occasion may require, &c.

Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	No	Days
1	32	60	91	121	152	182	213	244	274	305	335	
2	33	61	92	122	153	183	214	245	275	306	336	
3	34	62	93	123	154	184	215	246	276	307	337	
4	35	63	94	124	155	185	216	247	277	308	338	
5	36	64	95	125	156	186	217	248	278	309	339	
6	37	65	96	126	157	187	218	249	279	310	340	
7	38	66	97	127	158	188	219	250	280	311	341	
8	39	67	98	128	159	189	220	251	281	312	342	
9	40	68	99	129	160	190	221	252	282	313	343	
10	41	69	100	130	161	191	222	253	283	314	344	
11	42	70	101	131	162	192	223	254	284	315	345	
12	43	71	102	132	163	193	224	255	285	316	346	
13	44	72	103	133	164	194	225	256	286	317	347	
14	45	73	104	134	165	195	226	257	287	318	348	
15	46	74	105	135	166	196	227	258	288	319	349	
16	47	75	106	136	167	197	228	259	289	320	350	
17	48	76	107	137	168	198	229	260	290	321	351	
18	49	77	108	138	169	199	230	261	291	322	352	
19	50	78	109	139	170	200	231	262	292	323	353	
20	51	79	110	140	171	201	232	263	293	324	354	
21	52	80	111	141	172	202	233	264	294	325	355	
22	53	81	112	142	173	203	234	265	295	326	356	
23	54	82	113	143	174	204	235	266	296	327	357	
24	55	83	114	144	175	205	236	267	297	328	358	
25	56	84	115	145	176	206	237	268	298	329	359	
26	57	85	116	146	177	207	238	269	299	330	360	
27	58	86	117	147	178	208	239	270	300	331	361	
28	59	87	118	148	179	209	240	271	301	332	362	
29		88	119	149	180	210	241	272	302	333	363	
30		89	120	150	181	211	242	273	303	334	364	
31		90		151		212	243		304		365	

# A Chronological Account of remarkable Occurrences.

SINCE

	Years.
THE Creation of the World	5884
The general Deluge, or <i>Noah's Flood</i>	4311
The Birth of <i>Abraham</i>	3779
The Foundation of <i>Solomon's Temple</i>	2795
The Babylonish Captivity	2486
The Birth of our blessed Lord and Saviour <i>Jesus Christ</i>	1780
His Passion, glorious Resurrection	1747
The beginning of the Ten Persecutions by <i>Nero</i>	1708
The Tower of LONDON built	1211
Cambridge made an University	1135
Oxford made an University	909
<i>William Duke of Normandy</i> conquered <i>England</i>	714
The Invention of Guns	402
The Art of Printing first invented at <i>Harleim</i>	350
A great Plague in <i>London</i> , whereof died 30578	178
The horrid Gunpowder Treason	175
The Holy Bible new translated	173
Plague in <i>London</i> , of which, and other Diseases died 54265	155
<i>New England</i> planted	150
King <i>Charles I.</i> beheaded	132
King <i>Charles II.</i> restored	120
Another Plague in <i>London</i> , whereof, &c. died near 100000	115
13200 Houses burnt in <i>London</i>	114
A great Comet appeared in <i>December</i> and <i>January</i>	100
The great 13 Weeks Frost	96
King <i>William III.</i> and Queen <i>Mary</i> crowned, <i>April 11</i>	91
<i>England</i> and <i>Scotland</i> united	73
<i>St. Paul's</i> in <i>London</i> finished	72
Queen <i>Anne</i> died <i>August 1</i> ; and King <i>George I.</i> began	66
<i>Preston</i> Rebellion	65
King <i>George I.</i> died <i>June 11</i> ; and King <i>George II.</i> procl. 15	53
A splendid Comet, seen from <i>Dec. 23</i> to <i>Feb. 20</i>	37
A Rebellion, when the Rebels came so far as <i>Derby</i>	35
The Prince of <i>Wales</i> died; and <i>Poor Robin</i> broke his Leg	29
The Date and Calendar altered	28
The Militia Act passed	23
King <i>George II.</i> died <i>Oct. 25</i> ; and King <i>George III.</i> began	20
King <i>George III.</i> and Queen <i>Charlotte</i> crowned <i>Sept. 22</i>	19
Peace with <i>France</i> and <i>Spain</i>	17
The <i>Swedes</i> resign their Liberties to the King	8
War commenced against <i>North America</i>	5
The <i>Americans</i> declare themselves Independent States	4
The <i>French</i> signed the first Treaty with the <i>American States</i>	2
War against <i>France</i> commenced	2
War was begun against <i>Spain</i>	1

BY Virtue of an Act, made in 1751, for Alteration of the Style, the Beginning of the Year was changed from the 25<sup>th</sup> of *March* to the 1<sup>st</sup> of *January*, which Change took Place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of *January*, 1752.

In Consequence of the same Act of Parliament, the Use of the *Julian* Account, or Old Style, heretofore followed in this Country, ceased on the second of *September* of the same Year 1752; and by dropping or leaving out eleven nominal Days, and calling the next, which would have been the third, the fourteenth, the New Style took Place: and from thence, by the said Act, is directed to be used for all Time to come, in all his Majesty's Dominions subject to the Crown of *Great Britain*. By this Alteration, the several Fixed or Immoveable Feasts, as they are ordered to be placed in the New Calendar upon the same nominal Days of the respective Months as they were placed upon in the Old, will come 11 Days earlier than they would otherwise have done, and thereby make all Things depending on them, such as the Opening or Inclosing of Common Fields and Pastures, the Holding of Fairs and Marts, the Payments of Rents and Annuities, and the Commencement or Extinction of many private Rights and Matters of Property, do the same: To prevent therefore any Inconvenience arising therefrom, the Act provides and directs, That the Opening or Inclosing of Pastures, the Payments of Rents, Annuities, and all other Things depending on the Fixed or Immoveable Feasts, shall not by this means be accelerated or forwarded, but that the Days of Opening or Shutting such Pastures, of Paying such Rents or Annuities, and of doing all such other Matters and Things formerly to be done and performed on the said Feasts, shall be Kept, Observed, and Performed, on the same natural Days of the Year on which the said Feasts would have fallen, if this Act had not been made. For this Reason the 5<sup>th</sup> of *April* is called *Old Lady-Day*, and the 10<sup>th</sup> of *October* *Old Michaelmas Day*, and so of the rest, as being the respective Days on which all such Rents and Payments become due, such Rights take Place, and such Matters and Things ought to be done, and not before. All that is here said relates to the several Things abovementioned, depending on Fixed or Immoveable Feasts; but all such as depend on Moveable Feasts or on Days depending on them, are to take Place, and be reckoned according to the New Calendar, in Pursuance of an Act of Parliament of the Year 1752, for amending the former Act of the Year 1751.

N. B. That all Dates of Births, Deaths, or other remarkable Events, in the Regal or Chronological Tables, prior to, or upon, the second of *September* 1752, are to be understood according to the *Julian* Account, or Old Style; but after that Time, the annual Returns of them are placed in the Calendar Part of the Almanack, according to the New Style, Eleven nominal Days later.

# JANUARY hath xxxi Days. P. Robin

M | ☉ Decl.  
D | South

New Moon the 6	} Day at {	5 at Night.	1   23°	0'
First Quarter the 14		9 at Night.	6   22	30
Full Moon the 21		7 at Night.	11   21	50
Last Quarter the 28		11 Forenoon.	16   20	57

☉ in <sup>xxx</sup> 20 Day 20 M. past 8 in the Morning.

21 | 19 55  
26 | 18 44

1 S	Circumcision	2 M	40	Now <i>Sev'nty-nine</i> is gone and past,
2 B	2 Su. after Chr.	3	5	And the Year <i>Eighty's</i> come at last :
3 M	January Weath.	5	11	Thus <i>Time</i> is always on the <i>Wing</i> ,
4 T	now & to the end.	6	22	And ev'ry Year about does bring
5 W	Old Chri. Day	7	27	Some <i>new</i> , or some <i>uncommon</i> thing!
6 T	Epiphany	D sets		One Generation pass'd away,
7 F	Felix	4 A	22	A <i>new</i> survives without Delay,
8 S	Lucian. P. & M.	5	30	Which still is subject to Decay :
9 B	1 Su. aft. Epiph.	6	40	For <i>Time</i> brings <i>Death</i> upon us all,
10 M	Plow Monday	7	50	He makes the stoutest <i>He</i> ro fall ;
11 T	Agapite	9	0	Not <i>one</i> that's born, or poor, or rich,
12 W	Old N. Year's D.	10	8	There's no distinction, <i>whom</i> nor <i>which</i>
13 T	Hilary	11	17	Remorseless <i>He</i> ; nor old, nor young,
14 F	Nottingham	Morn.		Can e'er escape <i>him</i> very long !
15 S	Barston, York sh.	0	30	What Numbers the <i>preceding</i> Year
16 B	2 Su. aft. Epiph.	1	46	Have fall'n, pray who can make
17 M	Tavistock, Dev.	3	6	appear ?
18 T	Q. Cha. b. day k.	4	29	And <i>this</i> , on which <i>we</i> now have enter'd
19 W	Preston, Lanc.	5	51	To say, with <i>Safety</i> , may be ventur'd,
20 T	Fabian	7	2	That many thousands more will fall,
21 F	Agnes	D rises		Therefore let's be prepared <i>ALL</i>
22 S	Vincent	5 A	8	And ready for that awful Call ;
23 B	Septuagesima	6	42	That <i>CALL</i> ! When we Account
24 M	Hi. Term begins	8	12	must give [did live ;
25 T	Conv. St. Paul	9	38	How <i>we</i> , whilst here on Earth,
26 W	D. incr. 1 h.	10	58	Account to the great <i>JUDGE</i> of all
27 T	P. Aug. Fred. b	Morn.		The Earth ; before whom Angels fall
28 F	Carol. Mag.	0	17	Down with a rev'rend Adoration ;
29 S	Grampound, Cor.	1	36	Let's therefore work out our Salvation,
30 B	Sex. K. C. I. M.	2	52	With humble Trembling, and with
31 M	Saturnus	4	6	Fear,
				That we before <i>HIM</i> may appear
				Acceptable—and then receive
				Rewards—which none but <i>He</i> can
				give !

# 780. Observ. in JANUARY. N<sup>o</sup> 118

M Clock  
D bef. ☉

The NEW-YEAR enters ; so farewell the old ;  
The Days are short, Nights long, and Weather cold :  
Then let your Charity be still extended  
Old Christmas through, and when the same is ended :  
Nay, through the YEAR, relieve the poor distress'd,  
And you'll rewarded be among the bless'd.

1	4	7
6	6	23
11	6	28
16	10	18
21	11	51
26	13	4

21	I	New Year's Day	viii.iii.
22	B	Gooddrink, wa.	4 56
23	3	clothes, & agd. fi.	3 57
24	4	Are things in win	3 57
25	5	ter all require.	2 58
26	6	Cob of y Colliers	1 59
27	7	Ld. Swanington	vii.iv.
28	8	Doasthou wouldst	59 1
29	B	be done unto ;	58 2
30	10	For that is Law,	57 3
31	11	and Gospel too.	56 4
1	12	Aufin Garner	54 6
2	13	Charles Wilfon	53 7
3	14	Of all the Trades	52 8
4	15	that is most quick	51 9
5	B	which dextrously	50 10
6	17	doth y. Poc. pick	49 11
7	18	Tom Venables	48 12
8	19	Ro. Hodgkinson	46 14
9	20	Robin Hood	45 15
10	21	St. Sweethearts	44 16
11	22	The Term comes	42 18
12	B	on, money provi.	41 19
13	24	Ellethy Causewil	39 21
14	25	go quite aside :	38 22
15	26	'tis money makes	36 24
16	27	the Mare to go,	34 26
17	28	Remember then,	33 27
18	29	I've told thee so.	31 29
19	B	Mouthing Moll	30 30
20	31	Dirty-Paps	28 32

The Invention of the ZODIAC.  
" ASTRONOMY, or that Part of  
Physics employed about regulating the  
Order of our Days by the Inspection  
of the Heavens, as being the most  
necessary, was also the first cultivated.  
When Noab's Children had begun to  
form a numerous Nation in the wide  
Plains of Shinar, the Necessity of  
providing for their Food, and that of  
their Flocks and Herds, obliged them  
to go a good Way from each other.  
But, though they knew that God  
had designed them to re-people the  
Earth, they obstinately resolved to  
keep all together; and, lest they should  
be obliged to disperse, they began to  
build a City, and a Tower so very  
high, that it might be seen at a vast  
Distance, and serve as a Signal to  
gather themselves again together.  
From that Time the unavoidable Ne-  
cessity of ordering the Affairs of Man-  
kind, and of settling the Times for  
the Operations of Husbandry, obliged  
them to agree upon some convenient  
Regulations and a certain Method of  
measuring and calculating of Time.  
They most naturally made Use of the  
periodical Revolutions which they  
observed in the Heavens. The Re-  
turn of the same Motions, and the  
Renewal of the same Phænomena were  
insensibly pitched on as the most fit terms  
to

# FEBRUARY hath xxix Days. P. R. M Decline D South.

New Moon the 5	} Day at {	NOON	11	17	21
First Quarter the 13		20 Min. after Noon.	6	15	38
Full Moon the 20		3 quar. past 4 Morning	11	14	3
Last Quarter the 27		20 Min. past 2 Morning.	16	12	21
☉ in ♋ the 18 Day, 20 Minutes past 11 at Night.			21	10	34
			26	8	44

## M W Sundays, Saints, D rif. Elegant Performances of the D D Fairs, Terms &c. & lets poetical Kind.

1	T	Bridget	5	M	14	A TALE;
2	W	Candlemas Day			58	Not of a <i>Tub</i> :
3	T	Blasius, Bish.	6		12	But of a TAILOR!
4	F	Veronica	7		32	Or, of the <i>Prodigal Son</i> of a TAI-
5	S	Old St. Paul		D	lets	LOR.
6	B	Shrove Sunday	5	A	33	A Master Tailor (as 'tis said)
7	M	Zacharias	6		43	By Buck'ram, Canvas, Tape, and
8	T	Appolonia	7		53	Thread, [Twist,
9	W	Ash Wednesday	9		3	Hair-Cloths and Wadding, Silk and
10	T	Scholastica	10		13	And all the <i>long</i> extensive <i>List</i> ,
11	F	Llandysfel, Mon.	11		26	With which their uncouth <i>Bills</i>
12	S	Term Ends		Morn.		abound, [sound:
13	B	1 Sun in Lent.	0		4	Though rarely in their Garments
14	M	Valentine	2		3	With these, and other <i>Arts in Trade</i> ,
15	T	Julian	3		22	Had soon an <i>handsome</i> Fortune made,
16	W	Ember Week	4		38	And did, what few have ever done,
17	T	Timothy	5		42	Left Thirty THOUSAND to his Son!
18	F	Nun-Eaton, W.	6		30	The Son, a gay, young, swagg'ring
19	S	Mildred	7		5	Blade,
20	B	2 Sun. in Lent		D	ril.	Abhor'd the very <i>Name o' th' Trade</i> ;
21	M	Cumbert	7	A	5	And, left Reflections shou'd be
22	T	Norton, Oxf.	8		32	thrown [Town,
23	W	Godalming, Sur.	9		56	On him, resolv'd to leave the
24	T	St. Matthias	11		19	And travel where he was <i>not known</i> .
25	F	Feverham, Kent		Morn.		To Oxford first he made his Way,
26	S	Oundle, North.	0		39	With gilded Coach and Liveries gay;
27	B	3 Sun. in Lent	1		55	Prince Octavius born
28	M	Chesterfield, Der.	3		0	Prince Adol. Fred. born
29	T	Romanus	4		8	The <i>Bucks</i> and <i>Beaux</i> his fasteadmire,
						His Equipage and rich Attire;
						But nothing was so much ador'd,
						As his fine Silver-hilted Sword;
						Tho' small and short 'twas vastly neat,
						The <i>Sight</i> was deem'd a perfect Treat.

1780. FEBRUARY's true Obser. N<sup>o</sup> 118.

M Clock  
D bef. ☉

Now ALL's for MONEY! He who's *that* in Store,  
May soon have *all* he wants—and something more:  
Good *Victuals* and fine *Clothes*; and what beside?  
No *Want* of aught, let whate'er will betide:  
If thou'rt in Health;—but, if thou'rt *weak* and *sickly*,  
'Tis *ten* to *five*, thou'lt leave thy *Treasure* quickly.

1 14 21  
6 14 31  
11 14 41  
16 14 30  
21 14 1  
26 13 16

O N Sorry Saints and ☉ rif One thing after another, but n<sup>o</sup>  
S S sad Sinners. & ets thing the better; worse & worse.

21	1	Bishop Bonner	vii. iv.	to fix Expirations, or to mark out
22	2	James Nailor	24 36	the Times of ploughing and sowing,
23	3	Tingle Dick	23 37	because the Returns were regular,
24	4	Bum Newberry	21 39	and besides obvious to every Eye."
25	5	Love in that heart	19 41	" The plainest Measure of Time
26	B	but shallow set,	18 43	they could employ at first, was that
27	7	Which one crows	16 45	which the Moon offered them. By
28	8	look will ne'er so.	15 46	every Day changing very sensibly the
29	9	Fair Rosamond	13 48	Place of both its rising and setting;
30	10	Old Nutter	11 50	by varying its Form from Day to Day,
31	11	Rattle Price	9 52	and by beginning afterwards a new
	12	Tom Pick	8 53	Order of Changes entirely like it, at
2	B	Old Bradley	6 55	once became a publick Rule, and af-
3	14	St. Valentine is	4 57	forded them an eas, Kind of Reckon-
4	15	come at last,	2 59	ing. They might date, either from
5	16	Tom tickles Tib	vi. v.	the New or the Full Moon; or from
6	17	below the Waist!	58 3	such or such a Quarter. They might
7	18	Mars patient rises	56 5	tack several Quarters together, or as
8	19	in a Fume, [tient	54 7	many complete Lunations as they
9	B	And Jove impa-	52 9	thought fir. Thus, without the
10	21	quits the Room:	50 11	Help of Almanacks, or of Writing,
11	22	Those who the	49 12	every Body could find in the Heavens
12	23	meaning candles.	47 14	a Warning or Memento of what he
13	24	I own, are wiser	45 16	had to do. All Families, however
14	25	far than I.	43 18	remote, gathered together without
15	26	Pasquin	41 20	Mistake at the appointed Term; and
16	B	German Duchesa	39 22	instead of measuring Time by a
17	28	Sly Boots	37 24	Number of Days, which their Re-
18	29	Lazy Bess	35 26	semblance might confound, or the
				Series or Sequel of which, once
				lost, could not be found again, they
				were exempted from all Cares that
				Way, by referring the short and
				long Durations to the Course
				of

# MARCH hath xxxi Days, Old P. Rob.

New Moon the	6	} Day at	{	half past 6 Morning.	1	7°	13
First Quarter the	13			3 quar. past 11 at Night.	6	5	18
Full Moon the	20			half past 2 Afternoon.	11	3	21
Last Quarter the	27			half past 7 at Night.	16	1	23
☉ in ♍ 19 Day, 47 Minutes past 11 at Night.				21	0 N	36	
				26	2	24	

1	W	David	5	M	0	Beau Bunter begg'd to have a Book;
2	T	Chad.	5	37		But when the Sword in Hand he took,
3	F	Lucius	6	6		He swore, by God, it was an odd thing
4	S	Melton-Mowbray	6	29		And look'd just like a Tailor's Bodkin.
5	A	Midlent Sunday	6	46		Beau Sred was gall'd at his Express-
6	M	Old St. Matthias	D	sets		sion, fession;
7	T	Perpetua	6	58		Thinking they knew his mean Pro-
8	W	Tho. Aquinas	8	8		Sheathing his Sword he sneak'd away,
9	T	Cyprian	9	22		And drove for Glouc'ster the same Day:
10	F	Prudentia	10	37		There soon he found new Cause of
11	S	Fridiline	11	54		Grief,
12	A	Sun. in Lent	Morn.			For, dining on some fine Roast-Beef,
13	M	Theodore	1	15		They ask'd him, which he did prefer,
14	T	Northop, Flint.	2	31		Some Cabbage, or a Cucumber?
15	W	Oakham, Rutl.	3	36		What was design'd a Compliment,
16	T	Penzance, Corn.	4	29		He thought severe Reflection meant;
17	F	St. Patrick	5	8		His Stomach turn'd, he could not eat,
18	S	Edw. K.W. Sax.	5	35		So made an ungentle Retreat.
19	A	Palm Sunday	5	58		Next Day left Glouc'ster in great
20	M	Equal D. & Ni.	D	11f.		Wrath, [Bath:
21	T	Benedict	7	A 32		And bade his Coachman drive to
22	W	Paulinus	8	58		There be suspected fresh Abuse,
23	T	Nottingham	10	21		Because the Dinner was Roast-Goose;
24	F	Good Friday	11	43		And, that he might no more be jeer'd,
25	S	Lady Day	Morn.			For Ex-ter directly steer'd;
26		Easter Sunday	1	0		There, with the Beaux, he drank about,
27	M	Monday	2	6		Until he fear'd they'd sound him out;
28	T	Tuesday	3	4		His Glass not fill'd, as was his Rule.
29	W	Stourbridge	3	47		They swore 'twas not a Thimble-full!
30	T	Guide	4	19		The Name of THIMBLE was enough
31	F	Northmore	4	43		He paid his Reck'ning and went off.
						Next Day to Plymouth he remov'd,
						Where he still unsuccessful prov'd;
						For

1780. Observ. thro' MARCH. N<sup>o</sup> 118. M Clock  
D bef. Sun

WINTER, which late with <i>Snow</i> the Earth did cover,	1	12	30
We hope, is now near ended and gone over;	6	11	22
And gives a Place for the returning SPRING,	11	10	4
Which cheers both Man, and Beast—and <i>every</i> Thing :	16	8	38
But AGE, alas! no <i>Spring</i> can e'er renew,	21	7	7
It pushes on, 'till we've paid <i>Death</i> his Due.	26	5	33

19	1	Welch Taffey	vi.	v.	of the Moon, which showed them
20	2	Whowears a Leek	31	30	from one Day to another, by a new
21	3	now on his Hat,	29	32	Sign, what Time was already ex-
22	4	Is a true Briton,	27	34	pired from the Beginning of one
23	5	mind ye that.	25	36	Term, and what Time remained till
24	6	Jack a-Legs	23	38	the following."
25	7	Maffanella	21	40	" The first Men, affected by the
26	8	Great Green	19	42	Consideration of the two-fold Ser-
27	9	Fustian Hugh	17	44	vance the Moon did them, by enlight-
28	10	Poet Adcock	15	46	ening the Night, and by regulating
29	11	Old Rules they w.	13	48	all Mankind, consecrated the Use
M	A	in Time of Lent,	11	50	they made of its Phases by a Holy-
	2	When Flesh was f.	9	52	day or Feast, which they solemnized
	3	& Fish was spent.	7	54	at every Time of its Renewal. The
	4	Greg. Clements	5	56	<i>Neomenia</i> served in a plain and com-
	5	Cambray Bess	3	58	modious Manner to regulate the pub-
	6	James Shepherd	1	vi.	lick Exercise of their Devotion.
	7	Will Hewlet		2	But if they regularly gathered to-
	8	A Whoe'er woos m.	57	4	gether to make their Sacrifices, and
	9	above his Rank,	55	6	lovingly to visit each other at the
	10	It's 10 to 1 meets	53	8	Return of every new Moon, that
	11	with a Blank;	51	10	Worship and those Holydays were no
	12	For 'tis not Parts,	49	12	Way relative to the Moon itself.
	13	but a good Breed,	47	14	God was the Object of them: and
	14	And Rhinothat	45	16	the Moon had no other Share there-
	15	A can do the Deed	43	18	in, but that of putting Men in Mind
	16	Madam Mousley	41	20	of celebrating them."
	17	Dame Doody	39	22	" The Stars had not as yet re-
	18	Goff Smithurst	37	24	ceived the Names they now go by.
	19	Coll. Whalley	35	26	Without taking Notice of the sever-
20	31	All-Fools Eve	33	28	al Constellations, under which the
					Moon is successively placed within
					the Space of its monthly Course, Men
					were contented with only determining
					its Progress, by the Variety of its Ap-
					pearances

APRIL hath xxx Days. P. Robin. M O Decl.

New Moon the 4	} Day at {	11 at Night.	1	4 <sup>u</sup>	53
First Quarter the 12		8 in the Morning.	6	6	47
Full Moon the 19		half before 1 Morning.	11	8	39
Last Quarter the 26		half past 1 Afternoon.	16	10	26
Sun ☉ in 8 19 Day, half an Hour after Noon.			21	12	9
			26	13	48

1 S	All Fools!	5 M	1	For, tho' he fill'd his Glais, or Cup,
2 A	Low Sunday	5	16	He did not always drink it up:
3 M	Richard	5	29	The <i>Topers</i> mark'd how he behav'd,
4 T	St. Ambrose	D	fets	And said, a REMNANT should be sav'd.
5 W	Old Lady Day	7 A	18	The Name of Remnant gall'd him so,
6 T	Epping, Essex	8	33	He then resolv'd for York to go:
7 F	Atherstone, War.	9	55	There fill'd his Bumper to the Top,
8 S	Albinus	11	13	And always drank it fairly up.
9 A	2 Sun. aft. East.	Morn.		Well done! says Jack, a Buck of York
10 M	Eschilus	0	30	You go, Sir, THRO' STITCH with your Work; [proach,
11 T	Newport Pagnel	1	39	The Name of <i>Stitch</i> was such Re-
12 W	Term begins	2	37	He rung the Bell—and call'd the Coach;
13 T	Asbourn, Derb.	3	17	But, ere he went, Enquiry made
14 F	Tiburtius	3	48	By what Means they found out his Trade?
15 S	Bewley, Hamp.	4	10	You put the Cap on, and it fits,
16 A	3 Sun. aft. East.	4	28	Reply'd one of the <i>Yorkshire Wits</i> ;
17 M	Valerian	4	44	Our Words, in common Acceptation,
18 T	Derby	4	59	Could not find out your Occupation;
19 W	Alphage	D	ris.	'Twas you, yourself, gave us the Clue
20 T	Cank, Staff.	9 A	22	To find out both your Trade and you.
21 F	Rumney, Kent	10	45	Proud Coxcombs and fantastick Beaux,
22 S	Shrewsbury	11	58	In ev'ry Place themselves expose.
23 A	4 S.a.E. S. Geo.	Morn.		They travel far, at great Expence,
24 M	Wilfrid	1	2	To show their Wealth, and Want of Sense;
25 T	St. M. Ps. M. b.	1	50	But, take this for a standing Rule,
26 W	Oletus	2	27	There's no Disgrace will screen—
27 T	Boroughbridge	2	54	A Fool!
28 F	Soham, Camb.	3	14	
29 S	Market-Harboro'	3	31	
30 A	Rogation Sund.	3	45	

1780. Observ. upon APRIL. N<sup>o</sup> 118. | M | Clock  
D | bef | ☉

The Cuckoo soon will sing with a loud Throat,  
Her usual Tune (though always the same Note).  
Such Music to the married Ears belongs,  
Since Cuckoo, Cuckoo is her only Song:  
But that offends not nor the chaste nor wife,  
They all delight to hear her pleasant Voice.

1 3' 42"  
6 2 13  
11 1 6  
16 0 50  
21 1 af. 34  
26 2 30

21	I	All-Fools D.	V.	VI.	Appearances; and instead of employ-
22	A	Hewson Coblero	29	32	ing Calculations, as has been since
23	3	Jack Dampney	27	31	done, to mark out the precise Instant
24	4	Valor's a Mouse-	25	6	of its having overtaken the Sun anew,
25	5	trap, Wita Gin,	23	38	under which it had passed nine and
26	6	By which some	21	40	twenty Days before; the Astronomy
27	7	Fools are taken in	19	42	of those Times was contented with
28	8	Dick Turpin	17	44	the bare Testimony of the Eyes, and
29	A	Dan Rowland	16	45	they reckoned the new Moon from
30	10	Charles Drew	14	47	the Day it could be perceived. It was
31	11	Carenot too much;	12	49	in order to get Intelligence of it,
A	12	I tell you what;	10	51	without Hindrance, that they assem-
2	13	Fortoo much Care	8	53	bled and met together in high Places,
3	14	will kill a Cat.	6	55	or in Deserts, remote from the Hab-
4	15	Gill Willington	4	57	itations of Men; that no Obstacle or
5	A	Fidling Frank	2	59	any Thing might screen the Horizon
6	17	Dick Downright	iv. vii.		from them. When the Crescent had
7	18	In Cuckold-shire	58	3	once been seen, they solemnized the
8	19	make Room,	57	4	Neomenia, or the Sacrifice of the new
9	20	make Room;	55	6	Moon, which was succeeded by a Re-
10	21	For now the Cuc-	53	8	past, where all the Families cheer-
11	22	koo shewill come.	51	10	fully, and with Simplicity and Can-
12	A	Jack Barkstead	49	12	dour, eat what had been offered to
13	24	Pacolet	48	13	God, and consecrated by Prayer,
14	25	We should of evils	46	15	When any notable Event occasioned
15	26	chuse the least;	44	17	the Institution of some annual
16	27	Therefore a little	42	19	Feast, they very often joined it to
17	28	Wife is best.	41	20	the Neomenia, which was the usual
18	29	Will Gordon	39	22	Day of Assembly. The new Moons,
19	A	Tom Truelove	37	24	which concurred with the Renewal
					of Seasons, and to which our four
					Ember-weeks do still correspond,
					were the most solemn of all. That
					Custom of meeting together in high
					Places

# MAY hath xxxi Days. Old Poor Bob. M D Dec. North.

New Moon the 4	} Day at {	1 Afternoon.	1 15 <sup>v</sup>	20
First Quarter the 11		half past 1 Afternoon.	6 16	47
Full Moon the 18		11 in the Forenoon.	11 18	6
Last Quarter the 26		7 in the Morning.	16 19	18
☉ in II the 20 Day, at 1 in the Afternoon.			21 20	20
			26 21	17

1 M	S. Ph. & S. James	3 M 56	From <i>Phæbus</i> Throne the dart- ing Rays [Days
2 T	Lancaster	4 8	Beam fiercer, and the lengthen'd
3 W	Invent. of the +	4 21	Proclaim the welcome Season near,
4 T	Holy Thursday	D sets	When <i>Earth</i> its gayest Garb shall
5 F	Goddard	9 A 3	wear; [vie
6 S	John Ev. ante P.	10 24	And deck'd with SUMMER's Mantle
7 A	Su. a. Ascension	11 38	With the grand <i>Iris</i> of the Sky :
8 M	Term ends	Morn.	See, struggling, here and there a Rose
9 T	Market Bosworth	0 40	Its Crimson-tainted Top expose !
10 W	Lutterworth	1 25	And scatter'd round in rude Array,
11 T	Servatius	1 54	The earlier Flow'rs their Charms
12 F	Old May Day	2 18	display ;
13 S	Tiddefswell	2 37	Each Riv'let's mossy Bank to grace,
14 A	Whit Sunday	2 53	And dapple o'er Earth's verdant Face.
15 M	Monday	3 6	Now, in the ample Garden's Round,
16 T	Tuesday	3 18	The Gard'ner lets no Weeds be found;
17 W	Ember Week	3 36	Nor fails to kill those Insects vile,
18 T	Decl. invisible	4 1	That would his anxious Labour spoil.
19 F	Q. Cha. b. 1744	9 A 41	The Farmers too their Bus'ness mind,
20 S	Wickham, Hants	10 49	In Hope a good Return to find :
21 A	Trinity Sunday	11 44	Lab'ring hard both late and early,
22 M	Prs. Eliz. b. 1773	Morn.	To pull the Weeds from Wheat and
23 T	Bagborough	0 27	Barley ;
24 W	Adeline	0 57	Meantime the Cit abroad does walk,
25 T	Malmesbury	1 20	To take the Air, and chat and talk
26 F	Term begins	1 38	With Spouse ;—to hear the Cuckoo
27 S	Venerable Bede	1 52	sing,
28 A	1 Sa. aft. Trinity	2 3	And see the Beauty of the SPRING :
29 M	K. Ch. H. B. & R.	2 15	Which now appears in highest Prime,
30 T	Workshop	2 27	Which will be gone in a short Time :
31 W	German	2 41	Just so with Man ; no sooner grown
			Up to Perfection but goes down,
			Down to the Grave, and there he must
			Mix with the Worms, and turn to
			Dust !

# 1780. Observations about M A Y.

M	Clock
D	aft. Sun
1	3 14
6	3 43
11	3 58
16	4 0
21	3 47
26	3 21

Now comes sweet MAY! and now the eastern Morn,  
 Doth with her Summer Robes the Fields adorn;  
 Delightful Month! when Cherries and green Peas,  
 Custards, and cheese-cakes;—nay, whate'er you please,  
 In Season are,—*Salmon* and *Mackarel*,  
 With other Things, too much for me to tell!

20	1	St. Milkmaids day.	IV. VII
21	2	Hob i'th Well	34 27
22	3	Tom Clements	32 29
23	4	Kissing Kate	30 31
24	5	This is <i>loves</i> mo.	29 32
25	6	but that disease;	27 34
26	A	Is worse than to be	25 36
27	8	plagued with fleas.	24 37
28	9	Dainty Dorothy	22 39
29	10	Curds and Ale	21 40
30	11	Vanity Fair	19 42
Ma	12	Cardinal Wolsey	17 44
2	13	In vain is all the	16 45
3	A	doctor's art.	14 47
4	15	No phyick for a	13 48
5	16	love-sick heart!	11 50
6	17	Christopher Layer	10 51
7	18	Doctor Perry	8 53
8	19	Guttring Marriott	6 55
9	20	Harry Davis	5 56
10	A	He who gets wealth	4 57
11	22	by means of evil,	3 58
12	23	Does not serve God	2 59
13	24	but serveth D—L.	III. VII
14	25	Nick á Wood	59 2
15	26	Hannah Slyboots	58 3
16	27	Ned Needy	57 4
17	A	Expect not now,	56 5
18	29	much frost nor	55 6
19	30	snows,	54 7
20	31		53 8

Places or in Desarts, that of keep-  
 ing the new phasis; that of cele-  
 brating the *Neomenia*, by a sacrifice  
 and by prayers; in particular, the  
 solemnity of the new Moon, which  
 concurred with the sowing, or fol-  
 lowed the entire gathering of the  
 Fruits of the Earth: finally, the  
 repast and the songs, which came  
 after the sacrifice, are uses, all of  
 which were, from this common  
 source of mankind, handed down  
 to all nations of the universe.

All these customs we find again  
 among the *Hebrews*, the *Ægypt-*  
*tians*, and the *Arabians*; from  
 whom they, together with *Mabo-*  
*metism*, were delivered down to the  
*Persians* and the *Turks*. The same  
 usages were common to the *Greeks*  
 and the *Romans*, to the *Gauls*, and  
 to nations which had no manner  
 of communication with each other.  
 They were found again amongst the  
*Tharybs*, and some other *American*  
 nations.

“Scripture abounds with Facts,  
 which evidently prove, that the  
 custom of sacrificing on high places  
 was established among the *Hebrews*,  
 as well as the other nations, even  
 before the law; and that it even  
 subsisted in *Israel* since, and in spite  
 of the law. The law itself testi-  
 fies its antiquity, by forbidding it,  
 as capable of impairing the unity  
 of the Worship. Those of the

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**JUNE hath XXX Days. P. Robin.**

			M	Decd
			D	North.
New Moon the	2	4 Min. bef. Midnight	1	22 <sup>0</sup> 11
First Quarter the	9	6 in the Afternoon.	6	22 <sup>0</sup> 45
Full Moon the	16	3 qu. past 10 at Night.	11	23 <sup>0</sup> 9
Last Quarter the	25	3 qu. bef. 1 Morning.	16	23 <sup>0</sup> 24
Sun enters ♍ the 20 Day at 10 at Night.			21	23 <sup>0</sup> 28
			26	23 <sup>0</sup> 21

1	Th	Nicomede	2	M 57	Now Ladies, they to take the Air
2	F	Daventry, North.		D sets	Unto Hyde Park will much repairs
3	S	Harsley-Green	9	A 21	And, many Londoners resort
4	A	2 Sun. after Trin.	10	28	K. George III. born 1738
5	M	Fr. Ern. Aug. bo.	11	20	For Cakes and Ale to Tot'nham Court;
6	Tu	Folkingham	11	57	Nor will the Country be behind,
7	W	Montgomery		Morn.	But Mirth, as well as th' City
8	Th	St. Germain's, Corn	0	24	mind: [play,
9	F	Hadderfield, Suff.	0	43	At Barley break, or stool ball
10	S	Prs. Amelia, born	0	59	Harmless they'll pass their time
11	A	3 Sun. aft. Trin.	1	13	away. [seen.
12	M	Basil	1	27	Some in a Ring, are dancing
13	Tu	Kidderminster	1	42	St. Barnabas Ap. & Mart.
14	W	Terna ends	2	0	Nimble tripping on the Green:
15	Th	Ryston	2	22	These were the Sports, when
16	F	Wrexham, Denb.		D rises	Bob was young
17	S	St. Alban, Mart.	9	A 30	And to the Country did belong,
18	A	4 Sun. after Trin.	10	18	With often-times a merry Song.
19	M	Ingleton, York sh.	10	53	But now, such Sports are laid aside,
20	Tu	Trans. Ed. K. W. S.	11	18	For ALL's consum'd in drink and
21	W	Longest Day	11	37	Pride!
22	Th	Old St. Barnabas	11	52	For, Joan the Maid, does finer go.
23	F	Armington		Morn.	Than Ma'am, (some will see 'tis
24	S	Nat. St. J. Bapt.	0	5	mark)
25	A	5 Sun. after Trin.	0	16	In former Times, Joan (if you
26	M	Chapel Silvas	0	27	Was good as Lady, in the dark:
27	Tu	Boston	0	39	But, let the Day be light as may be,
28	W	Higham Ferrers	0	54	There's none now knows Joan from
29	Th	St. Peter Ap. & M.	1	14	my Lady,
30	F	Bridgenorth, Shrop	1	39	And, as for Drunkenness we see,
					It is no Shame now drunk to be;
					In ev'ry Village where you go,
					An Alehouse is, nay oft' er two;
					Where Sots will sit all Day and
					tipple, [cripple
					Until each makes himself a
					When

# 1780. Observations touching JUNE.

	M	Clock
	D	att. Sun.
Now <i>Cherry Trees</i> enticing Burdens bear;	1	2' 33"
And a green Livery the Meadows wear:	6	1 42
Richly variegated with fine Flow'rs,	11	0 55
If oft refresh'd with soft descending Show'rs:	16	0 bef. 17
The <i>Days</i> , this MONTH, attain their greater Length;	21	1 21
And <i>SOL</i> in <i>Cancer</i> . shines with greater Strength.	26	2 25

21	1	Bobber Ben.	III. VIII	Neomenia, as ancient and universal
22	2	Bobbin Joan	51	as the other, was preserved and
23	3	Who bur we?	50	regulated by the Law. The learn-
24	4	Tom o' Lincoln	49	ed observing between the <i>Hebrews</i>
25	5	Ralph Briscoe	48	and the <i>Heathens</i> so great a resem-
26	6	Now Mortals feed	47	blance as to their Sacrifices, their
27	7	on Sage, with bread	47	resorting to high Places; and their
28	8	and butter,	46	<i>Neomenia</i> , have enquired into the
29	9	Drink <i>Why</i> abun-	46	Cause of this Conformity, and
30	10	dantly to make	46	been divided into two Opinions
31	11	them skutter.	45	equally deviating from the Truth;
1	12	Merry Tom Long	45	but one of which, the False, is of
2	13	Three Legerheads	45	no dangerous Consequence, whereas
3	14	Muggleton	44	the other is extremely so. The
4	15	Doctor Storey	44	first consists in thinking, that the
5	16	Sir Poor Robin	44	<i>Heathens</i> took both from <i>Scripture</i>
6	17	Now Curds & Ale	44	and the <i>Hebrews</i> , the greatest part
7	18	do come in Season,	43	of their Practices, even to their
8	19	Cherries Strawberry-	43	very Fables, which are, they say,
9	20	ries & green Peasen.	43	no more than some Particulars of
10	21	Tantabulus	43	Sacred History altered and dis-
11	22	Ned Denby	43	guised. The other Opinion consists
12	23	Midsummer Eve	43	in thinking, that the <i>Hebrews</i> re-
13	24	Dunghills softink,	43	ceived from the <i>Egyptians</i> and
14	25	they may be smelt;	44	the <i>Canaanites</i> , the whole ground
15	26	And Butter at the	44	of their law and ceremonies, which
16	27	fire will melt.	44	tends to rain revelation. The first
17	28	Lucius Appius	44	Opinion, though innocent, and
18	29	Demosthenes	45	very common, yet is unwarrant-
19	30	Bonny Bess.	45	able; since the <i>Heathens</i> became
				acquainted with the Books of the
				<i>Hebrews</i> but very late, and that
				People, totally separated from, and
				unknown to other Nations, was
				on no Account fit to serve them as
				a Pat-

JULY hath XXXI Days. Old P. R.				M	Dec.
				D	North.
New Moon the	2	} Day at	half past 8 Forenoon	1	23° 5
First Quarter the	8		15 Min. past 11 Forenoon	6	22 38
Full Moon the	16		Noon	11	22 2
Last Quarter the	24		37 Min. past 3 Afternoon	16	21 16
New Moon the	31		52 Min. past 3 Afternoon	21	20 21
Sun enters 22 Day 3 quarters past 8 Forenoon.			26	19 17	
1 S	Hitb, Kent	2 M	17	When they can neither stand nor go; (do know.	
2 A	Sun. after Trin.	) sets		These, for sad Truths we all	
3 M	Dog days begin	9 A	50	Now, let me sing some puny Slaves.	
4 Tu	Transl. S. Martin	10	22	Whose aim is Int'rest, fordic	
5 W	Old Midsum. Day	10	44	Knaves!	
6 Th	Lancaster.	11	1	Who, if great Folks, affirm or say	
7 F	I ho. à Becket.	11	16	The Crow is white, just so will they;	
8 S	Folkestone, Kent	11	29	But, if they hit on't that its black,	
9 A	Sun. aft. Trin.	11	43	Will answer; yes it is, good lack!	
10 M	Old St Peter	Morn.		Its either,—which your lordship will	
11 Tu	Peterborough	0	0	Or neither;—but its a Crow still;	
12 W	Canterbury	0	20	But then, friend Flatterer, 'tis	
13 Th	Woburn	0	46	green; (seen.	
14 F	Bonaventure	1	22	That's true, my Lord; 'tis plainly	
15 S	Swithin	2	10	But, should his Lordship cry,	
16 A	Sun. aft. Trin.	) rises		perdue,	
17 M	Leek, Staff.	9 A	17	I doubt I'm wrong; its rather blue, (most true!	
18 Tu	Atherstone	9	38	Yes, yes, my Lord.—That is	
19 W	Kenninghall, Nor.	9	54	Sure I mistook; now he is dead,	
20 Th	Margaret	10	8	His Plumes seemstinctur'd with a Red (said!	
21 F	Aberwin Green	10	20	Quoth Tom, its just as you have	
22 S	M. Magdalen	10	31	Why Tom, our Senses oft deceive;	
23 A	Sun. aft. Trin.	10	43	I hardly can my Eyes believe,	
24 M	Faringbay,	10	56	Altho' last Night I wash't 'em very clear, (beer:	
25 Tu	St. James A. & M.	11	12	With gen'rous Wine, & good March	
26 W	St. Anne	11	35	Then, lets no longer be deceiv'd,	
27 Th	Headon, Yorksh.	Morn.		At which, I own, I'm sorely	
28 F	Fairford, Glouc.	0	8	griev'd;	
29 S	Beatrice	0	50	I'll therefore take another View,	
30 A	Sun. aft. Trin.	1	55	That I may pass a Judgment true;	
31 M	Botley, Staff.	) sets		He's	

1780. Observations in JULY. M D Clock  
bef. Sun.

*Dog-days* are in, therefore take special Care,  
Not to offend a loving Spouse too far;  
For fear, lest *Tongue* or *Tail* should move too fast,  
And *dogged* Dog-Days should succeed at last:  
For two ill Tempers can't agree together,  
In Cold,—much less can they in Dog-Day WEATHER.

20	I	Herostratus	III. VII	tern. The other Opinion is no
21	A	Frank Challoner	46 14	less absurd, since the Law insists,
22	3	Mahomet	46 14	in the most particular manner, on
23	4	W. Lithgow	47 13	forbidding the <i>Hebrews</i> the Prac-
24	5	If <i>Wife</i> now cling	47 13	tices of the <i>Egyptians</i> , the <i>Ara-</i>
25	6	too close in Bed,	48 12	<i>bians</i> , and the <i>Canaanites</i> . If the
26	7	'Think that she is,	49 11	<i>Hebrews</i> and the Heathens agree
27	8	by true love led.	50 10	together in the Practice of their
28	A	Ned Ludlow	51 9	Sacrifices, Purifications, and Liba-
29	10	Hudibras	52 8	tions, in their Inclination to gather
30	11	Who plays at work,	53 7	together upon high Places, and in
1	12	and works at play,	54 6	the Regularity of their <i>Necmenia</i> , a
2	13	Works ill & worse,	55 5	grain of Sincerity will make us
3	14	keeps Holiday.	56 4	sensible, that the <i>Hebrews</i> are not
4	15	Annatus	57 3	indebted to the Heathens for these
5	A	Tantabulus	58 2	Customs, and that the Heathens
6	17	All are not Saints	59 1	did not borrow them from the <i>He-</i>
7	18	that go to Kirk;	IV. VI	<i>brews</i> ; but that both the <i>Hebrews</i>
8	19	Much knav'ry in	2 58	and the Heathens had them from
9	20	the Heart may lurk.	3 57	the remotest Antiquity, and from
10	21	Frank Allen	4 56	the common Source whence they
11	22	Hob i'th' Well	5 55	all sprung, I mean from the Family
12	A	Now Paint melt soff	7 53	of <i>Noah</i> , when the whole was con-
13	24	the Harlot's Face;	8 52	tained in the Plains of <i>Chaldaea</i> .
14	25	And is not that a	10 50	This point of re-union, equally
15	26	wretched Case.	11 49	plain and certain is the sole un-
16	27	Bob Tichburn	12 48	ravelling of the Difficulties which
17	28	Where two Dogs	14 46	divided the learned. The whole
18	29	are & but one Bone,	15 45	of mankind, being gathered round
19	A	They never can	17 43	<i>Babel</i> , had already the Practice of
20	31	agree 'tis known.	18 42	the Sacrifice made before, and re-
				newed by <i>Noah</i> immediately after
				the Flood. For want of writing,
				what Means could be more nat-
				ural and more public, to call to-
				gether to the Sacrifice a Multitude
				of Families dispersed, than the
				fight

# AUGUST XXXI Days.

P. R.

M  
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☉ Decl  
North

First Quarter the	7	} Day at {	39 min. past 6 Morning	1	17°	51'
Full Moon the	15		3 qu. past 2 Morning	6	16	30
Last Quarter the	23		7 min. past 5 Morning	11	15	3
New Moon the	29		7 min. past 11 Forenoon	16	13	30
☉ enters ♍ 22 Day 8 min. past 3 Afternoon.				21	11	52
				26	10	9

1	Tu	Lammas Day	8 A 43	He's yellow, Tom! as any
2	W	Winchester, Ha.	9 3	T--d; Lord,
3	Th	Daventry	9 20	You've hit it right at last my
4	F	Epsom, Surry	9 34	HeYellow, Yellow! onmy word!
5	S	Old St. James	9 47	Thus Flatterers you'll ever find.
6	A	11 Sun. af. Trin.	10 5	To the strong side are still inclin'd;
7	M	Name of Jesus	10 25	They'll lye; the great and rich to
8	Tu	Furfut	10 49	please, (tease
9	W	Shirkin,	11 22	Which thing an honest Ear wou'd
10	Th	St Laurence	Morn.	Poor Pearl, a Lady's favourite,
11	F	Dog Days end	0 6	By dire disease, or Cur's fierce bite;
12	S	Old Lammas-Day	1 1	Expir'd on pretty Susan's lap.
13	A	12 Sun. af. Trin.	2 6	Prfs. Brunswick born 1737.
14	M	Stow, Suffolk	3 15	Pr. of Wales born 1762.
15	Tu	Northampton	4 15	Oh! sad disaster! grand mishap!
16	W	Pr. FRED. bo. 1763	8 A 17	The Lady straight took to her bed,
17	Th	Bardney, Hampsh.	8 29	Her fav'rite Lap Dog being dead;
18	F	Helena	8 40	No crumbs of Comfort cou'd she find,
19	S	Darlington, Dev.	8 52	To reason she was deaf and blind;
20	A	13 Sun. af. Trin.	9 5	Tho' Betty, Nan, Jenny, and Sue.
21	M	Pr. W. Hen. b. 1763	9 20	Their utmost Eloquence did shew:
22	Tu	Penkridge	9 37	Hartshorn and Cordial Waters sure
23	W	Belford	10 5	Say they (if any Thing)) will cure
24	Th	St. Bartholomew	10 42	Her raging Passion:—but alas!
25	F	Milverton	11 36	All Cordials ineffectual was.
26	S	Worcester	Morn.	Say Molly, come Girls, let us try
27	A	14 Sun. af. Trin.	0 49	Th' effects of jovial Company;
28	M	St. Augustine	2 16	To call in Ladies straight they fly.
29	Tu	Beh. of J. Baptist	3 42	The Ladies come, not knowing yet
30	W	Culpharnia	7 A 28	The Cause, that made her thus to
31	Th	Paulinus.	7 44	(fret;

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1780. Observations on AUGUST. | M | Clock  
D | bef. Sun.

If *Idl* now thou art—th' best Thing's a Whip,  
If lath'd soundly,—*that* will make thee skip,  
Therefore to labour, now, thy Bones address,  
The *Oil* o'th' Whip, cures *itch* of Idleness;  
The *Harvest* calls thee forth to Labour hard,  
Then fore mind *that* and thou'lt have good Reward.

21	1	Hannah Snell	IV. VII	light of the decline of the Moon,
22	2	Merlin	20	39 and the return of the new? It is
23	3	Zoilus	22	37 even very likely, that the Sun, which
24	4	Bob Beighton	23	36 before the Flood, mark'd the Course
25	5	With <i>mourning</i> deep	25	34 and the Bounds of the Year, by the
26	A	some you see clad;	27	32 diversity of the Stars under which
27	7	With merry hearts,	28	31 he pass'd, did it however without
28	8	tho' outside's sad.	30	29 leaving the <i>Æquator</i> and put no dif-
29	9	Jack Downs	31	28 fference between one Day and ano-
3	10	Deda us	33	26 ther, or one Season and another.
31	11	James Davis	35	24 The Moon was then the most
A	12	Now <i>Farmers</i> must	36	23 proper Means to mark out the be-
2	A	their Business ply,	38	21 ginning and the Progress of the
3	14	Whilst <i>Lawyers</i>	40	19 Months; and <i>Noah</i> , when he fix'd
4	15	they do idle lie:	42	23 the religious Meetings at the Time
5	16	But, <i>Lawyers</i> will	44	21 of the <i>Neomenia</i> , did but renew
6	17	in one <i>Term</i> clear,	45	19 what was practis'd before the Flood.
7	18	More than <i>Farmer</i>	47	17 So the Fathers of all Nations hav-
8	19	all the Year.	49	15 ing been long enough under the
9	A	Jack in a Box	51	14 same Leader, in the same Place,
10	21	Lord Marrison	53	14 united by the same Wants, the
11	22	One <i>Spark</i> may set	55	12 same Language, and the same Prac-
12	23	a Town on Fire;	56	10 tices, it is the plainest Thing in the
13	24	Hundreds may suf	58	8 World to think, that the Custom
14	25	fer by one <i>Lyar</i> .	V. VI	6 of meeting in high Places, and at
15	26	Cornelus Hollan	2	4 the return of the new Moon, the
16	A	Tom Hor on	4	3 Offering of the Fruits of the Earth,
17	28	Jack Catch	6	3 the Sacrifices, the common Repasts,
18	29	Senacherib	7	1 and the Songs, are all Usages,
19	30	Nero	9	1 which have with them pass'd through
20	31	Gregory Norton,	11	48 all the Earth. This is what they
				have constantly preserved ever since
				their Dispersion; and in every
				other Thing, they constantly pro-
				ceed with making themselves dis-
				tinguish'd from each other. You
				must be sensible how this Agree-
				ment

SEPTEMBER XXX Days. O. P. R. | M | ☉ Decl. |  
D | North.

First Quarter the	5	} Day at {	20 min. pa. 5 in the Aft.	1	8°	0
Full Moon the	13		7 at Night	6	6	9
Last Quarter the	21		half past 4 in the Aft.	11	4	15
New Moon the	28		23 min. past 7 Morning	16	2	19
☉ In = 22. Day, half an Hour before Noon.				21	0	23
				26	1	So. 34

1	r	Giles,	7	A 59	The Ladies urge her Husband,	}
2	S	London burnt O.S.	8	15	late	
3	A	15 Sun. af. Trin.	8	34	Snatch'd from her, by untimely	
4	M	O. St. Bartholom.	8	57	The worst of Ills they could relate.	
5	Tu	Chipping-Norton	9	28	A Spouse as good! I may obtain!	}
6	W	Folkingham	10	8	Says she,--or Widow will remain;	
7	Th	Eunurchus	11	0	But ne'er shall have such Dog	
8	F	Nat. B. V. Mary	11	0	again!	
9	S	Atherstone,	Morn.		Now LAW and LIBERTY unite,	}
10	A	16 Sun. after Trin.	0	4	The Pheasant Race to kill;	
11	M	Tallowdown,	1	13	The Partridge Tribe to stop in flight,	
12	Tu	Whitehaven	2	25	The Leveret's Blood to spill.	
13	W	Newton, Lanc.	3	37	What has the harmless Partridge	}
14	Th	Holy Cross	3	37	done?	
15	F	Woburn, Bedf.	4	57	The Pheasant; what has he?	
16	S	Walsal, Staff.	5	57	Thus doom'd a Victim to the Gun,	
17	A	17 Sun. af. Trin.	6	57	His Life---and Liberty!	}
18	M	Stirbitch	7	8	When frequent, wounded in their	
19	Tu	Carlisle	7	20	flight,	
20	W	Ember Week	7	34	In vain to rise, they try;	
21	Th	St. Matthew Ev.	7	51	Creep closely to the Woodland side,	}
22	F	K. G. III. C. 1761	7	51	And there--in anguish die!	
23	S	Halkin, Wilts	8	15	Poor is the Triumph o'er the Hare,*	
24	A	18 Sun. aft. Trin.	8	48	Whie savage Men of Prey	
25	M	Bakewell, Derb.	9	32	In wildest Uproar urge the Chace,	}
26	Tu	St. Cyprian	9	32	With Dogs--less wild than they!	
27	W	Clapham, Yorksh.	10	35	A thousand Winds, a thousand shifts	
28	Th	Tuxford, Nott.	10	35	The worried Leveret tries,	
29	F	St. Michael	11	53	Till jaded, breathless, faint and lost,	}
30	S	St. Jerom.	Morn.		By the Wood side it dies.	
			1	23		
			2	57	* Poor is the Triumph o'er the timid	
			4	29	Hare.	
			sets		THOMPSON'S SEASONS.	}
			6A 28		Prfs. Charl. Aug. born 1766	
			6	45	Clofe	

# 1780. Observations on SEPTEMBER.

THIS MONTH to *Farmers* and to *Landlords* brings,  
Full *Barns* and *Purses* full; two rare good Things!  
Of all the Callings which on Earth do call,  
The *two* above, are sure the *best* of all!  
If it be true, which all may safely say;  
Better have MONEY to receive than pay.

M	Clock
D	aft. Sun.
1	0' 28"
6	2 5
11	3 48
16	5 33
21	7 18
26	9 0

21	1	Will Bradshaw	V. VI.	ment of all Nations in the religious
22	2	Tyburn's Glory	15 44	Customs which suited the first Ages,
23	A	Pope Joan	17 42	and their infinite Variations in all
24	4	Old Oliver	19 40	the rest, concur to testify the Truth
25	5	It wisdom is, as	21 38	of <i>Moses's</i> Narration, and the per-
26	6	some Fools say,	23 36	fect Knowledge he had of the ori-
27	7	Sometimes the	25 34	gin of Things."
28	8	changling for to	27 32	" Astronomy, at its Birth, had
29	9	play.	29 30	the Glory of regulating the first
30	A	Gregory Norton	31 28	Form of public Worship. It was
31	11	Famous Flower	33 26	ever since strictly united with Re-
Se	12	Bob Jalland	35 24	ligion, to which, it from Age to
2	13	Frank Shipman	37 22	Age rendered new Services in the
3	14	Dock Muffon	39 20	Course of its Progress; and Astro-
4	15	He who has Mo-	41 18	nomy degenerated into Impertinence
5	16	ney plenty got.	43 16	or into Superstitions, only when
6	A	All things fall well	45 14	Religion was perverted."
7	18	unto his Lot:	47 12	" After the Introduction, or if
8	19	But, if of Money	48 11	you will, the Restitution of the
9	20	thou hast none,	50 9	<i>Neomenia</i> , by the Observation of the
10	21	Then all the Joys	52 7	first Phasis of the Moon, they ap-
11	22	of Life are gone!	54 5	plied themselves to the fixing of the
12	23	Arthur Martin	56 3	beginning, and the End of the
13	A	Tingle Dick	58 1	Year, by which they had, time
14	25	Rattle Price	VI. V.	out of mind, taken Care to measure
15	26	Smirking Befs	2 57	the Life of Man, and to mark the
16	27	Sue Turner	4 55	Distances of notable Events. If the
17	28	Active How	6 53	Meteors and the variety of Seasons,
18	29	Peg Bradley.	8 51	were not any more than the Rain-
19	30	John Gestelow	10 49	bow known, till after the Havock
				made by the Flood, the Succession
				of Years became but the more sen-
				sible since that great Change. It
				was an easy Matter for Men to
				reckon how many Harvests they
				had got in; and, in the poetical
				Style.

OCTOBER hath XXXI Days. P. R.				M D	Decl. South
First Quarter the	5	} Day at {	3 qu. past 7 in the Morn.	1	3° 31
Full Moon the	13		Noon	6	5 27
Last Quarter the	21		2 in the Morning.	11	7 21
New Moon the	27		half past 5 at Night.	16	9 13
☉ In M 22 Day, 21 min. past Seven at Night.				21	11 2
				26	12 46
1 A	19 Sun. aft. Trin.	7 A	6	Closeby that <i>Wood</i> , where he had birth	
2 M	Nottingham, 8 D.	7	35	And frequent Shelter too,	
3 Tu	Aberforth, Yorksh.	8	11	It yields to <i>them</i> its shore-liv'd breath,	
4 W	Penkridge, Staff.	9	0	Which <i>feeling</i> Hearts would rue!	
5 Th	Lamport, Som.	10	0	But, <i>feeling</i> Hearts, and sporting souls,	
6 F	Faith, Hull, Y.	11	8	In no communion run;	
7 S	Billericay, Essex	Morn.		The <i>Sportsman</i> triumphs o'er his	
8 A	20 Sun. aft. Trin.	0	20	Bowls,	
9 M	St. Denys	1	34	And boasts of MURDER done!	
10 Tu	Old Michaelmas	2	45	P <sup>rs</sup> . CHAR. AUG. bo. 1766	
11 W	St. Albans, Hert.	3	55	With <i>Acorns</i> crown'd, and with a	
12 Th	Banbury, Oxf.	5	4	wither'd Face, (usual place:	
13 F	Transf. of K. Ed. C.	) rises		This russet <i>Montb</i> still keeps its	
14 S	Workop, Nott.	5 A	49	The latest fruitage of the languis	
15 A	21 Sun. aft. Trin.	6	5	year, (chear	
16 M	Bosworth, Leic.	6	25	It ruddy paints, & brings us mellow	
17 Tu	Etheldred	6	55	Now, sick'ning <i>Nature</i> with reluc	
18 W	St. Luke, Evan.	7	36	tance frowns, (owns;	
19 Th	Oxford City	8	32	Beholds his empire, and his passion	
20 F	Abbsborn, Derb.	9	43	Quits her gay posts, the summer	
21 S	Gainbro', Linc.	11	6	plains along, (Song;	
22 A	22 Sun. aft. Trin.	Morn.		And hears no more, the <i>Larks</i> aspiring	
23 M	Ripley, Derb.	0	34	Melodious, which of late attun'd on	
24 Tu	Tamworth, Staff.	2	4	high, (the sky	
25 W	Crispin	3	34	Rejoic'd the Earth, and m lodiz'd	
26 Th	K. Geo. III. proc	5	2	Or (if she hears) so weak's the let-	
27 F	☉ Ecl. invisible	) sets		sen'd strain, (plain	
28 S	St. Sim. & St. Jude	5 A	12	It cheers not half the unattentive	
29 A	23d Sun. aft. Trin.	5	35	K. GEO. III. Acces. 1760.	
30 M	Bridgenorth, Shr.	6	8	No more we see the bea chy Moun-	
31 Tu	Dewizes.	6	53	tain high, (vaulted sky:	
				With piercing summits pierce the	
				Nor view its sides with varied green	
				delight, (the fight;	
				While pretty lambkins whiten'd on	
				But	

# 1780. Observations on OCTOBER.

M	Clock
D	af. Sun.

Don PHÆBUS' Rays are 'bated of their Force,  
 So thou may'st now take *Physic* of due Course;  
 And, if thy Body any Thing does ail;  
 Thou now may'st make a *Tap house* of thy Tail:  
 I'd like t'forgot the *Sboemakers* and *Coblers*,  
 Who now will find some idle, *drunken* hoblers!

1	10	36
6	12	5
11	13	24
16	14	31
21	15	23
26	15	57

20	A Tom Harrison	VI.	V	Style, such a Number of Summers
21	2 Harrington Bedin	14	45	or Springs, are commonly under-
22	3 All, or most Men,	16	43	stood by to many Years. But some-
23	4 hunt after <i>Fame</i> ,	18	41	thing more than this was wanting,
24	5 That nimble fea-	20	39	and Necessity brought <i>Astronomy</i>
25	6 her-tongued dame	22	37	one Step forwarder."
26	7 <i>She</i> doth enquire	24	35	" Twelve Lunations one upon
27	A into the World,	26	33	another, that is, twelve Revolutions
28	9 <i>She</i> hath around	28	31	of the Moon successively, departing
29	10 her Palace hurl'd.	30	29	from, and drawing again near the
30	11 All Rumour, be	31	28	Sun, were not sufficient to bring
01	12 they true or vain,	33	26	out the whole Course of a Year;
2	13 That utmost Lands	35	24	and the duration of thirteen Luna-
3	14 or Seas contain,	37	22	tions exceeding the Year; for 12
4	A Jack Carew	39	20	times 29 Days are only 348, and
5	16 Squire Jones	41	18	13 times 29 are 377 Days; where-
6	17 Adrian Scroop	43	16	as the Year is only 365 Days, and a
7	18 Dan Axiel	45	14	few Hours. The several Revolu-
8	19 Tippling Hugh	47	12	tions, which the Moon makes in
9	20 Ned Luclam	49	10	the Heavens, by successively passing
0	21 No Man who suf-	51	8	and repassing from Month to Month
1	A fer'd hath by love,	53	6	under certain Stars, being then not
2	23 Its fiery passion	55	4	exactly contain'd, a certain Number
3	24 can approve :	56	2	of Times in that which the Sun
4	25 If <i>Poets</i> lie not,	58	1	makes by passing pretty nearly under
5	26 then grim <i>Pluto</i> ,	VII.	IV	the same Stars, it was not possible
6	27 Must by his horns,	2	57	to determine the Beginning and the
7	28 be a <i>Cornuto</i> .	4	55	End of the Year by an exact Num-
8	A Dr. Smeeton	6	53	ber of lunar Revolutions. They
9	30 Smeethius	7	52	were then obliged, in order to know
0	31 Tom James	9	50	the precise Bounds of the annual
				Course of the Sun, carefully to
				examine what Stars were succes-
				sively obscured or drown'd by the
				passing of that Globe, and what
				Stars, beginning to clear themselves
				from its Rays, by reason of its re-
				moie-

NOVEMBER hath XXX Days P. R. | M | ☉ Decl. South.

First Quarter the 4	} Day at	45 m. past 1	} Morning.	1	14°	44
Full Moon the 12		45 m. past 4		6	16	17
Last Quarter the 10		10 -		11	17	42
New Moon the 26		half past 5		16	19	0
				21	20	9
Sun in ♌ 21 Day, half past 3 in the Afternoon.				26	21	0

1	W	All Saints	7	A	50	But, hid in vapours, misty moisture
2	Th	Pr. Edw. b. 1767	8		57	drinks, (prospect sinks,
3	F	Prs. SOPH. bo.	10		9	And from the Eye, and from the
4	S	Applethaw, Hants	11		22	October's reign the swallow tribe
5	A	24 Sun. aft. Trin		Morn.		alarms, (charms
6	M	Term begins	0		33	Who wanton sit no longer in the
7	Tu	D. CUM. b. 1745	1		44	Powder Plot, 1605.
8	W	Prs. AUG. S. 1768	2		53	Of Summer sun-shine, and propi-
9	Th	Ld. M. d. at Lond	4		3	tious air, (repair,
10	F	Rocheſter	5		15	But fly in flocks, to Wint'ry sleep
11	S	☽ Ecl. visible.	6		29	Or dead retirement under water
12	A	25 Sun. aft. Trin		☽ rises		share;
13	M	Cosmia	4	A	59	Or, in commotion wing their con-
14	Tu	Brecknock	5		34	scious way, (ning rays;
15	W	Machutus	6		26	To Climates hot, with Sol's enliv-
16	Th	Andover, Hamp.	7		34	Fearful of Winter, and approaching
17	F	Hugh, B. of Linc	8		52	Cold, (unfold,
18	S	Gelasius	10		19	The Storks in Council their alarm
19	A	26 Sun. aft. Trin	11		46	And 'me'g'd in Water, quick mi-
20	M	Edmund,		Morr.		gration gain, (sustain,
21	Tu	Garſtang, Lanc.	1		11	Or join'd in bands, a vig'rous flight
22	W	Cicilia, O.S. Mart	2		35	To lands directed, where warm
23	Th	St. Clement	4		1	beamings reign.
24	F	Chryſogom	5		26	November's varied veſt; the woods
25	S	D. of GLOUC. b.	6		53	serene (fading green;
26	A	27 Sun. aft. Trin		☽ ſets		Appear, or yellow, dark, or duſk, or
27	M	Littlebury, Effex	4	A	38	With umber'd face, the fading coun-
28	Tu	Term ends	5		28	try frowns, (famish'd gr. unds.
29	W	Aſborn, Derb.	6		32	And wither'd leaves beſtrew the
30	Th	St. Andr. A. & M.	7		44	Thro' leafy walks, where'er muſe-
						led, I ſtray, (lay,
						To recent ſorrow wakes my tober
						That ſings each ſcene, as I each ſcene
						purſue, view!
						The weeping ſeaſon, in November
						Omen

# 1780. Observations for NOVEMBER.

M Clock  
D afr. Sun.

The Days grow <i>short</i> ,—like Chink in Robin's Pocket,	1	10	14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Tho' Rich, have store in Chests;—and there they lock it:	6	16	6
But, boon Companions; such, as <i>Three</i> and I,	11	15	37
We like not in the Chest to have it lie;	16	14	48
But chuse, abroad into the World to send it,	21	13	37
And, when we've got it, —merrily to spend it.	26	12	6

21	1 Nut-crack Night	VII. IV	motenets, shew'd themselves again,
22	2 Harry North	13 46	before the Dawn of Day."
23	3 Vincent Bradley	15 44	" They might, 'tis true, have re-
24	4 Jack Matthews	16 43	sum'd the Method of calculating,
25	5 A Guy Fawkes	18 41	which was in Use before the Flood.
26	6 Now Squibbs and	20 39	But it would have been insufficient
27	7 Crackers fly about	22 37	upon many Accounts. For though
28	8 For joy the <i>Papists</i>	24 35	the Sun did, perhaps, still pass
29	9 Plot's found out!	25 34	under the same Stars as before, its
30	10 Jack Blackwell	27 32	Fires, whose Influence was even
31	11 Tom Woolerton	29 30	and uniform before the Flood, had
1	12 A William Dell	31 28	ever since been sometimes brisker,
2	13 Jack Downs	32 27	sometimes fainter. The Sun itself
3	14 There's many	34 25	seem'd to change the Points of its
4	15 scrapes (God' wot)	36 24	Rising and Setting. It ascended
5	16 For Wealth to heirs	38 22	its Meridian much higher at one
6	17 they ne'er begot!	39 21	Time, than at another. These
7	18 Since <i>bastardy</i> a	41 19	Novelties required new Observa-
8	19 A genteel Case is,	42 18	tions, and they endeavour'd, not in-
9	20 <i>Whores</i> with	44 16	deed to understand the Structure of
10	21 Assurance, shew	45 15	the World, or the Reason of all
11	22 their Faces;	46 14	these great Effects, but in the Hea-
12	23 Lord Lovatt,	48 12	vens, to shew Men some precise
13	24 Sir Tho. Manley	49 11	Marks of the Progress of the Year,
14	25 Fair Helena	50 10	and some sure Methods of regulat-
15	26 Many for Earth let	51 9	ing the Times of their Works.
16	27 Heaven go,	52 8	They obtain'd both these useful
17	28 Of Heav'n they've	54 6	Points. The first, by making
18	29 heard, but Earth	55 5	themselves Masters of the certain
19	30 they know.	56 4	Knowledge of the Stars, under
			which the Sun passes, and which
			are in his way, from the Moment
			he goes from any first Star, taken
			at Discretion, to the instant of his
			coming again under the same.
			Secondly, by giving these Stars
			such

DECEMBER XXXI Days. P. R. | M | ☉ Decl. South

First Quarter the	3	} Day at {	half past 10	} at Night.	1	22 <sup>0</sup>	0
Full Moon the	11		8 - -		6	22	38
Last Quarter the	18		half past 5		11	23	6
New Moon the	25		8 - -		16	23	23
☉ In the 21 Day 45 min past 2 Morning.					21	23	28
					26	23	21

1	F	Rotterdam, York.	8	A 57	Often I travel thro' the Auburn
2	S	Hoxne, Suffolk	10	10	shade, (glade)
3	A	Advent Sunday	11	20	The leafless copse, and desolate
4	M	Atterstone, War.	Morn.		And rustle through the pale appear
5	Tu	Colford, Glouc.	0	30	ing grove, (love)
6	W	Nicholas	1	39	Averse to music, and its wonted
7	Th		2	49	Where now no warblers join the
8	F	Concept. B. V. M.	4	0	cheerless tree, (dency)
9	S	Broadford, Wilts	5	16	But all is grief, and all despon
10	A	2 Sun. in Advent	6	34	I hail the garden, but with sorrow
11	M	Old St. Andrew	7	rises	hail, (pale)
12	Tu	Shrewsbury	4	A. 6	For Flora's vanish'd, and her beds are
13	W	Lucy, V. & M.	5	10	No od'rous flow'rs in flushing purple
14	Th	Nicassius	6	29	bloom, (perfume)
15	F	Namptwich, Ches.	7	54	Now scent the breezes with a rich
16	S	O Sapientia	9	22	The orchard's charms I seek, but
17	A	3 Sun. Advent	10	47	seek in vain, (faint rain)
18	M	Spalding, Lincoln	Morn.		The sport of air, her leaves incel
19	Tu	Bedford	0	11	Whose blasted verdure circle as they
20	W	Ember Week	1	33	flow, (below)
21	Th	St. Thomas	2	56	And falling most thick as lodg'd plain
22	F	Newport Keams	4	21	How soon the Sun now leaves the
23	S		5	44	shorten'd day, (ray)
24	A	4 Sun. in Advent	7	6	And wakes the ev'ning with its la
25	M	Christmas Day	7	fets	Behold! she comes in dusky-dar
26	Tu	St. Stephen	4	A 3	ken'd vest, (crest)
27	W	St. John	5	11	In twilight grey, and sable liv'r
28	Th	Innocent	6	24	Chillness and vapours rise at her
29	F	Cockbill, Somers.	7	40	command,
30	S	Maiden-Eradley	8	51	And creeping fogs thick cluster o'er
31	A	1 Sun. aft. Christ.	10	1	the land.

1780. Observations in DECEMBER.

	M	Clock
	D	aft. Sun
Sure this! the happiest Time in all the Year is,	1	10' 17
If we look back; and find, that nought is amiss,	6	8 12
That we have done, thro' <i>this</i> , now finish'd Year,	11	5 57
And, that our <i>Conscience</i> makes the same appear:	16	3 32
Then we with pleasure, may this Christmas keep,	21	1 2
Tho' we the next, may be laid down—to SLEEP.	26	1 bef. 28

1	Tom Wogdal	VII. IV	Names as might characterize what
2	Constant James	58 2	was peculiar to every Part of the Year
3	A Dirty Doll	59 1	or what was actually done upon
4	When <i>Christmas</i>	VIII. III	Earth, when the Sun was under such
5	comes observe	1 59	or such Stars. Astronomy, by this
6	this rule,	2 58	two-fold Caution, was from its Be-
7	Harry North	3 57	ginning a popular Science, it made
8	Mun-Prideux	4 56	Heaven a Book always open, to
9	Mephostophilus	5 55	which Mankind might come for
10	A Ralph Bluebeard	6 54	Information."
11	Let poor folks	6 54	"Ancient Tradition has handed
12	have their bellies	6 54	down to us, the ingenious Manner,
13	full;	7 53	in which the first Men went about
14	John Moor	7 53	knowing exactly the Line, which
15	Tom Thwart	7 53	the Sun describes under the Hea-
16	Will Crawley	7 53	vens in the perpetual changings of
17	With <i>Christmas Pies</i>	8 52	its Place, and to divide the Year, in-
18	and such other cheer	8 52	to equal Portions. This Tradition
19	Gibson	8 52	is found again in two ancient Au-
20	George Elliott	8 52	thors, the one <i>Roman</i> , the other
21	Adding a sup of	8 52	<i>Greek</i> . The first attributes it to the
22	good strong beer,	8 52	<i>Egyptians</i> ; the other, and more
23	And so conclude	8 52	justly, to the first Inhabitants of
24	this same old year.	8 52	<i>Chaldea</i> , which are the Fathers of
25	Mine'd Pies	7 53	Astronomy, as well as of all Man-
26	Extorting Dick	7 53	kind." They ev'ry Day saw the
27	Sharping Jack	7 53	Sun and the whole Heaven, turning
28	Trim Tram	6 54	and passing from East to West. In
29	Jeddy Buxton	6 54	the mean time they observed, that
30	Jack Butler	5 55	the Sun, by a Motion peculiar to
A	Will Wilkins	5 55	it, from Day to Day receded from
			some certain Stars, and took its
			Place under others, always advanc-
			ing towards the East. Whilst the
			Moon was making twelve times that
			Revolution, the Sun made it only
			once.

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**TABLE of TERMS: or Times to turn the PENNY.**

**Hilary-Term begins January 24, ends February 12.**

Returns, or Effoign Days.		Ex.	Ret	Ap.	W. D.
In 8 Days of St. Hilary	— — Jan. 20	21	22	24	Mond.
From the Day of St. Hilary in 15 Days	27	28	29	31	Mond.
On the morrow of the Pur. of the B.V. M.	Feb. 3	4	5	7	Mond.
In 8 Days of the Purif. of the B. V. Mary	9	10	11	12	Saturd.

**Easter-Term begins April 12, ends May 8.**

From the Day of Easter in 15 Days	— April 9	10	11	12	Wedn.
From the Day of Easter in 3 Weeks	16	17	18	19	Wedn.
From the Day of Easter in 1 Month	— 23	24	25	26	Wedn.
From the Day of Easter in 5 Weeks	— 30	MI	2	3	Wedn.
On the Morrow of the Ascension	— May 5	6	7	8	Mond.

**Trinity-Term begins May 26, ends June 14.**

On the Morrow of the Holy Trinity	May 22	23	24	26	Friday
In 8 Days of the Holy Trinity	— 29	30	31	JUN	Thursd.
In 15 Days of the Holy Trinity	June 5	6	7	8	Thursd.
In 3 Weeks of the Holy Trinity	11	12	13	14	Wedn.

**Michaelmas-Term begins November 6, ends Nov. 28.**

On the Morrow of All Souls	— — Nov. 3	4	5	6	Mond.
On the Morrow of St. Martin	— — 12	13	14	15	Wedn.
In 8 Days of St. Martin	— — — 18	19	20	21	Tuefd.
In 15 Days of St. Martin	— — — 25	26	27	28	Tuef.

**N. B.** No Sittings in *Westminster Hall* on Ascension-day, Midsummer-day, and the second of February.

The *Exchequer* opens eight Days before any Term, except Trinity; before which it opens but four Days.

*Note.* The first and last Days of every Term are the first and last Days of Appearance.

The LAW is good—when lawfully 'tis us'd:  
 But very bad—when lawlessly abus'd.  
 Then shun contentions—live in love and peace,  
 And let litigious Law-suits ever cease:  
 Bad lawyers—are at best incarnate devils,  
 Avoid them therefore—as the worst of evils!  
 What I say now, is serious, and no jest:  
 Pox take them ALL—the D—I take the rest.

# POOR *Old* SIR ROBIN,

M DCC LXXX.

The Second, or latter Part, containing an everlasting

## P R O G N O S T I C A T I O N

For the Year of our LORD CHRIST 1780.

Fully, truly, and punctually setting forth, in the  
Compass of the following fifteen Pages; wherein  
you'll find,

All the Remainder, of what you must have, or  
can expect this Year from the *Old Knight*: And, if you'll turn  
over this Leaf and read what you find on the other Side, you  
will soon perceive that the History of the Invention of the  
*Zodiac* is continued from the Calendar Part; and when *that* is  
fairly finished, concluded, and done with; you have the old  
fashioned TABLE, to tell you how to buy or sell by the Great  
Hundred: (I do not pretend to tell you how to make your Bar-  
gains for any Commodity, but shall and will, and by these *Pre-  
sents* (as the LAWYERS say) &c. do hereby *advise* you, never  
to give *Thirty Shillings* per Hundred for *Cheese*; for, if you  
cannot have it for a good *hard GUINEA*; which, you see comes  
to exactly Two-pence Farthing a Pound; let it alone: But then  
if you do, some rascally *Factor* or other will buy it at any Rate  
for Exportation, &c. I would have you observe the same Rule  
throughout your whole Conduct also. After that, you have a  
TABLE of Expences or Wages (ready enough, if wanted.)  
Which is followed on the next Page by *another*; and *that*, by  
another on the right Hand: Then, turning that Leaf over, you've  
another TABLE concerning the Latitudes and Longitudes of a  
great many Places which I *never* saw. Then follows the ANA-  
TOMY. And after *that*, an Account of the ECLIPSES. And  
so one THING after another, until you come to the END!

Done, and all very ingeniously put together; and  
wonderfully nicely adapted to all Palates.

By *Honest Old* POOR ROBIN.

Do not the Hist'ries of all *Ages*  
Relate miraculous Presages,  
Of strange Turns in the *World's* Affairs,  
Foreseen b' *Astrologers, Soothsayers,*  
*Chaldeans, learn'd Genethliacs,*  
And some that have wrote ALMANACKS?

HUD.

Lunations, made them wish, that they had twelve Divisions of a Year perfectly equal, or twelve Months which might be exactly equivalent to the Year itself, and which might, as it were, be pointed at with one's Finger in the Heavens, by shewing some certain Stars, under which the Sun passes during every one of these Months. Here is then the Method, in which they divided the Course of the Sun into twelve equal Portions or Collections of Stars, which are called *Asterisms* or Constellations. Our *Chaldeans* took a Couple of brass open Vessels, the one pierced at the Bottom, and the other without any Orifice below. Having stopped the Hole of the first, they filled it with Water, and placed it so as that the Water might run out into the other Vessel, the Moment the Cock should be opened. This done, they observed, in that Part of the Heaven where the Sun has its annual Course the Rising of a Star, remarkable either for its Magnitude, or Brightness; and at the critical Instant it appeared on the Horizon, they began to let the Water flow out of the upper Vessel into the other, during the rest of the Night, and the whole following Day, to the very Moment when the same Star, being come to the East again, began to appear anew on the Horizon. The Instant it was seen, they took away the under Vessel, and threw the Water that remained in the other on the Ground. The Observers were thus sure of having one Revolution of the whole Heaven, between the first Rising of the Star and its Return. The Water which had flowed during that Time, might then afford them a Means of measuring the Duration of one whole Revolution of the Heaven, and dividing that Duration into several equal Portions; since by dividing that Water itself into twelve equal Parts, they were sure of having the Revolution of a twelfth Part of the Heaven during the Efflux of a twelfth Part of the Water. They then divided the Water of the under Vessel into twelve Parts perfectly equal, and prepared two other small Vessels capable of containing exactly one of those Portions and not a Drop more. They again poured into the great upper Vessel, the twelve Parts of Water, all at once, keeping the Vessel shut. Then they placed under the Cock, still shut, one of the two small Vessels, and another near it to succeed the first, so soon as it should be full.

All these Preparations being ready, they the very next Night observed that Part of the Heaven, towards which they had for a long While remarked that the Sun, Moon, and the Planets, took their Courses, and stayed for the Rising of the Constellation, which is since called *Aries*. The *Greeks*, perhaps, gave that Name to some other Stars than those, which went before the Flood: But this Inquiry is not necessary at present. The Instant *Aries* appeared, and they saw the first Star of it ascending, they let the Water run into the little Measure. So soon as it was full, they removed it, and threw the Water out. In the mean Time, they put the other empty Measure under the Fall. They ob-

served exactly, and so as to remember very well, all the Stars that rose during all the Periods, which the Measure took in filling; and that Part of the Heaven was terminated in their Observations by the Star, which appeared the last on the Horizon, the Moment the Measure was just full; so that by giving the two little Vessels the Time necessary to be alternately filled to the Brim three Times a-piece during the Night, they had by that Means one half of the Course of the Sun in the Heaven, that is, one half of the Heaven itself; and that half again was divided into six equal Portions, of which they might shew and distinguish the Beginning, the Middle, and the End; by Stars, which from their Size, Number, or Order, were rendered distinguishable. As to the other half of the Heaven, and the six other Constellations, which the Sun runs over therein, they were forced to defer the Observation of them to another Season. They stood till the Sun, being placed in the Middle of the now known and observed Constellations, should leave them at Liberty to see the others during the Night.

Doubtless some Precautions are necessary, not to mistake as to the Fall of the Water, which must flow more slowly in Proportion as its Mass is less high; however, after having by this or some such Means, made themselves sure of the great annual Course, which the Sun faithfully follows in the Heavens, and of the Equality of the Spaces, filled by the twelve Collections of Stars that limit that Course; the Observers thought of giving them Names. They in general called them the *Pauses*, the *Stations*, or the *Houses* of the Sun, and assigned three of them to each Season. They then gave each Constellation a peculiar Name, whose Property did not only consist in making it known again to all Nations, but in declaring at the same Time the Circumstance of the Year, which was of Concern to all Mankind, when the Sun should arrive at the Constellation.

Our *Chaldean* Observers, seeing that there were during the Spring no Productions more useful than Lambs, Calves, and Kids, gave the Constellations, under which the Sun passes during that Season, the Names of the three Animals, which enrich Mankind most of all. The First was named *Aries*, the Second *Taurus*, the Third *the two Kids* (*Gemini*) the better to characterize the Fecundity of Goats, which commonly bring forth two Young Ones rather than one, and an Abundance of Milk more than sufficient to nourish them.

The Gross of Mankind, united in the Plains of *Irack*, had already very often remarked, that there was a Point, to which the Sun raised itself in its coming towards them, but which it never exceeded; and that it afterwards sunk daily, in receding from them for six Months together; till it arrived at another Point a great Way under the first, but below which it never descended. This Retreat of the Sun, made very slowly, and always backward, gave the Observers the Occasion of distin-

guishing the Stars, which follow the two *Kids*, or *Gemini*, by the Name of the Animal that walks backward, viz. the *Crab*. When the Sun passes under the next Constellation, it makes our Climate feel sultry Heats, but chiefly the Climates where Men were at that Time all united. When *Poets* attribute to that Constellation the Fierceness and Raging of the *Lion*, of which it bears the Name, it is very easy to guess at what might determine that Choice from the Beginning. Soon after, the housing of Hay and Corn is entirely over throughout the *East*. There remain on the Ground only a few Ears scattered here and there, which they cause to be gleaned by the least necessary Hands: This Work is left to the youngest Girls. How then could they represent the Constellation, under which the Sun sees no longer any Crops on the Ground, better than by the Name and Figure of a young Maid gleaning? The Wings you see her have in the Spheres, are Ornaments added of later Date, after the Introduction of Fables. The *Virgin*, which follows the *Lion*, is certainly no other than a gleaning Girl, or, if you will, a Reaper; and lest one should mistake her Functions, she besides has in her Hand a Cluster of Ears: A very natural Proof of the Origin here attributed to her.

The perfect Equality of Days and Nights, which happens when the Sun quits the Sign of *Virgo*, caused Astronomers to give the next Sign the Name of *Libra*; that is, of a Balance. The frequent Diseases, which the Sun leaves behind him, or causes by his retiring, procured the next Sign the Name of *Scorpio*; because it is mischievous, and drags after it a Sting and Venom. Towards the End of Autumn, the Fall of the Leaf exposes wild Beasts, leaving them less covered. Vintage and Harvest are over. The Fields are free, and it is of ill Consequence to suffer the Propagation of Beasts at the Approach of Winter. All then invites us to hunt, and the Sign, in which the Sun is at that Time, has from thence obtained the Name of *Sagittarius*; that is, the Archer or Huntsman.

What is the proper and distinctive Character of the wild Goat, or *Capricorn*, of which the first Sign of Winter has the Name? It is to look for its Food, getting from the Foot of the Mountains to the highest Summit, and always climbing from Rock to Rock.

*Des que les Chevres ont brouté,  
Certain esprit de liberté  
Leur fait chercher fortune. Elles vont en voyage,  
Vers les endroits du pâturage  
Les moins fréquentés des humains.  
Là s'il est quelque lieu sans route & sans chemins,  
Un rocher, quelque mont pendant en précipice,  
Elles y vont promener leur caprices.  
Rien ne peut arrêter cet animal grim pant.*

La Fontaine.

The Name of *Capricorn* was then fit to inform Men of the Time when the Sun, having reached the lowest Verge of its Course, was ready to be-

gin to ascend again towards the highest, and to continue to do so for six Months together. This is quite the Reverse of the Crab (*Cancer*); and the happy Concurrence of the opposite Characters of these two Animals, is a Proof of what directed the first Observers in the Imposition of these Names.

*Aquarius* and *Pisces*, without any Difficulty, mark out the rainy Season, and the Time of the Year when *Fishes*, fatter and nicer than in any other Time, bring on again the Profit and the Pleasures of Fishing.

It may be remarked, that of the twelve Constellations, there are ten, the Names whereof are borrowed from several Animals; which caused Astronomers to give the annual Circle, which they compose, the Name of *Zodiac*. It is as much as if you should say, the Circle of Animals.

By this very plain Industry, Men acquired a very new Method of measuring Times, and of regulating all their Works. They already knew, without any Trouble or Caution, how to regulate the Order of their Feasts and common Business, by Inspection only of the *Phases* of the Moon. From the Knowledge of the *Zodiac*, they obtained an exact Knowledge of the Year. The Constellations became to them so many very significant Signs, which, both by their Names and respective Situations, informed them of the Order of their Harvests, and of the Cautions they were to take, in order to bring them about, openly and daily shewing them how long they were to stay for them. The People were neither obliged to cast up the Days, or mark out the Order of Times to regulate themselves. A Dozen of Words applied to twelve different Parts of the Heaven, which every Night revolved before their Eyes, were to them a Part of Knowledge no less convenient and advantageous than easy to be got at. When Men, after the setting of the Sun, saw the Stars of the Sign *Aries* ascend the opposite Horizon, and distant from the Sun by one Half of the Heaven, they then knew that the Sun was under the Sign *Libra*, which being the seventh of the twelve celestial Signs, was distant from the first by one whole Half of the *Zodiac*. When at the Approach of Day they saw in the Middle of the Heaven, and at an equal Distance from East to West, the finest Star of the Sign *Leo*, they easily understood that the Sun, then ready to rise, was at the Distance of three Signs from *Leo*, and removed towards the East one quarter Part of its Circle. Thus, without seeing the Stars, which the Sun drowned by its Brightness as he came under them, they said with perfect Assurance, the Sun is now in *Taurus*; and two Months hence we shall have the longest Day. They could, on Sight of a single Constellation, placed in the Eastern, or Middle, or Western Part of the Heaven, immediately say where the Sun was, how far the Year was advanced, and what kind of Work it was fit they should busy themselves about. After this Manner Shepherds and Farmers still regulate their Works; and if we now are ignorant of the Names of the Stars, if we are not able to determine the Distance between one Constellation shewn us, and the actual Place of the Sun, it is because we can read and write. The first Men perused the Heavens for want of Writing; and it is on Account of the Conveniency of Writing, that the Generality of Men dispense with looking among the Stars for the Knowledge of the Operation and Order of the Year. But Writing itself, that so useful Invention, is one of the Products of Astronomy; and it may easily be shewn also, that the Names, given the twelve celestial Signs, gave Birth to the Invention both of Painting and Writing. This History promises you a very agreeable Novelty, and it will continue to inform you of the Helps to which we are indebted to the Study of Nature; Which pleasant History is my Intention (God willing) to give you the next Year.

**A T A B L E** for buying or selling any Commodity by the  
Great Hundred, which is 112 Pounds.

d. q.	£. s. d.	d. q.	£. s. d.	d. q.	£. s. d.	d. q.	£. s. d.
1	- 2 4	6	1 2 18 4	12	1 5 14 4	18	1 8 10 4
2	- 4 8	2	3 0 8	2	5 16 8	2	8 12 8
3	- 7 0	3	3 3 0	3	5 19 0	3	8 15 0
1 0	- 9 4	7	0 3 5 4	13	0 6 1 4	19	0 8 17 4
1	- 11 8	1	3 7 8	1	6 3 8	1	8 19 8
2	- 14 0	2	3 10 0	2	6 6 0	2	9 2 0
3	- 16 4	3	3 12 4	3	6 8 4	3	9 4 4
2 0	- 18 8	8	0 3 14 8	14	0 6 10 8	20	0 9 6 8
1	1 1 0	1	3 17 0	1	6 13 0	1	9 9 0
2	1 3 4	2	3 19 4	2	6 15 4	2	9 11 4
3	1 5 8	3	4 1 8	3	6 17 8	3	9 13 8
3 0	1 8 0	9	0 4 4 0	15	0 7 0 0	21	0 9 16 0
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2	1 12 8	2	4 8 8	2	7 4 8	2	10 0 8
3	1 15 0	3	4 11 0	3	7 7 0	3	10 3 0
4 0	1 17 4	10	0 4 13 4	16	0 7 9 4	22	0 10 5 4
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3	2 4 4	3	5 0 4	3	7 16 4	3	10 12 4
5 0	2 6 8	11	0 5 2 8	17	0 7 18 8	23	0 10 14 8
1	2 9 0	1	5 5 0	1	8 1 0	1	10 17 0
2	2 11 4	2	5 7 4	2	8 3 4	2	10 19 4
3	2 13 8	3	5 9 8	3	8 5 8	3	11 1 8
6 0	2 16 0	12	0 5 12 0	18	0 8 8 0	24	0 11 4 0

### E X A M P L E S.

At 3d. 2q. a Pound, what is the Price of the Great Hundred? Look in the Left-hand Column for 3d. 2q. and just against it in the very next Column towards the Right, you will find it to be 1l. 12s. 8d. Again, Suppose a Pound of *North Clay Hops* to be sold for 15d. 3q. What is the Price of an Hundred Weight? Look in the fifth Column for 15d. 3q. and over against it in the sixth, you will find 7l. 7s. the Price of the Great Hundred.

Or, if you buy *any Thing* at the Rate of 7l. 14s. the Hundred; and would know how much that is a Pound: Look in the sixth Column above, and against it in the fifth Column to the Left, you have 16d. 2q. for the Price of one Pound, &c.

*Note,* For every Farthing that a single Pound costs, reckon 2s. 4d. for the Price of the Great Hundred, More Examples are needless,

# A TABLE of *Expences or Wages.*

	By the Day.	By the Week.			By the Month.			By the Year.		
		l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
Pence	1	0	0	7	0	2	4	1	10	5
	2	0	1	2	0	4	8	3	0	10
	3	0	1	9	0	7	0	4	1	3
	4	0	2	4	0	9	4	6	1	8
	5	0	2	11	0	1	8	7	12	1
	6	0	3	6	0	14	0	9	2	6
	7	0	4	1	0	16	4	10	2	11
	8	0	4	8	0	18	8	12	3	4
	9	0	5	3	1	1	0	13	13	9
	10	0	5	10	1	3	4	15	4	2
	11	0	6	5	1	5	8	16	4	7
Shillings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	0	7	0	1	8	0	18	5	0
	2	0	14	0	2	16	0	36	10	0
	3	1	1	0	4	4	0	54	15	0
	4	1	8	0	5	12	0	73	0	0
	5	1	15	0	7	0	0	91	5	0
	6	2	2	0	8	8	0	109	10	0
	7	2	9	0	9	16	0	127	15	0
	8	2	16	0	11	4	0	146	0	0
	9	3	3	0	12	12	0	164	5	0
	10	3	10	0	14	0	0	182	10	0
	11	3	17	0	15	8	0	200	15	0
	12	4	4	0	16	16	0	219	0	0
	13	4	11	0	18	4	0	237	5	0
	14	4	18	0	19	12	0	255	10	0
	15	5	5	0	21	0	0	273	15	0
	16	5	12	0	22	8	0	292	0	0
	17	5	19	0	23	16	0	310	5	0
	18	6	6	0	25	4	0	328	10	0
	19	6	13	0	26	12	0	346	15	0
	20	7	0	0	28	0	0	365	0	0

READER, by this small Table thou may'st count  
 How little Sums in Time to great amount;  
 A Penny daily very small appears,  
 But's more than twenty Pounds in fourteen Years:  
 A Groat a Day is but a small Expence,  
 Yet makes i'th' Year six Pounds and twenty Pence.  
 Then neither Time nor Coin profusely waste,  
 Left thou repent it ere this Year be past.

The Generality of BAKERS being so extremely prone to HONESTY, that it is out of the Power of Magistracy, to make them more so; POOR ROBIN chuses to omit *their* old fashioned TABLE, as he thinks it but of little Use: Instead whereof, for the Reader's new-fashioned Amusement, gives him the following TABLE, showing by Inspection, not only which Days in the Year are of about the same Length; but also the Length of every Day in the Year, as near as he possibly can, &c.

Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Nov.	Mar.	Oct.	Apr.	Sep.	May	Aug.	June	July					
1 VII. 10	1	9	9	4	6	9	4	8	8	5	4	8	5	22	8	
2 53	9	2	12	8	5	10	8	5	12	7	6	6	7	6	24	7
3 55	8	3	16	7	6	14	7	6	16	6	7	10	6	7	25	6
4 57	7	4	20	6	7	18	6	7	20	5	8	13	5	8	25	5
5 59	6	5	24	5	8	22	5	8	24	4	9	16	4	9	26	4
6 VIII	5	6	27	4	9	26	4	9	28	3	10	19	3	10	26	3
7 2	4	7	30	3	10	30	3	10	32	2	11	22	2	11	27	2
8 4	3	8	34	2	11	34	2	11	36	1	12	24	1	12	27	1
9 6	2	9	38	1	12	38	1	12	Aug. 31	13	July 31	13	June 30			
10 8	1	10	Oct. 31	13	Sep. 30	13	42	30	14	30	30	14	28	29		
11 Nov. 30	11	44	30	14	46	29	14	46	29	15	34	29	15	29	28	
12 12	29	12	48	29	15	50	28	15	50	28	16	36	28	16	30	27
13 14	28	13	52	28	16	53	27	16	54	27	17	40	27	17	31	26
14 16	27	14	56	27	17	55	26	17	58	26	18	43	26	18	32	25
15 18	26	15	X	26	18	57	25	18	XIV	25	19	46	25	19	33	24
16 20	25	16	4	25	19	59	24	19	6	24	20	48	24	20	34	23
17 22	24	17	8	24	20	XII	23	20	10	23	21	50	23	21	34	22
18 24	23	18	12	23	21	6	22	21	14	22	22	54	22	Long Day		
19 28	22	19	16	22	22	10	21	22	18	21	23	57	21	December		
20 31	21	20	20	21	23	13	20	23	21	20	24	XVI	20	11	VII.	31
21 34	20	21	24	20	24	17	19	24	24	19	25	2	19	12	50	30
22 36	19	22	28	19	25	23	18	25	28	18	26	3	18	13	49	29
23 39	18	23	32	18	26	30	17	26	32	17	27	4	17	14	48	28
24 42	17	24	36	17	27	36	16	27	36	16	28	6	16	15	47	27
25 46	16	25	40	16	28	40	15	28	40	15	29	8	15	16	46	26
26 50	15	26	44	15	29	44	14	29	43	14	30	10	14	17	45	25
27 53	14	27	47	14	30	48	13	30	46	13	31	12	13	18	44	24
28 56	13	28	50	13	31	53	12	1	May 12	1	June 12	19	44	23		
29 IX	12	1	Mar. 12	1	Apr. 11	2	54	11	2	16	11	20	44	22		
30 3	11	2	58	11	2	XIII	10	3	56	10	3	18	10	Shortest		
31 6	10	3	XI	10	3	4	9	4	XV	9	4	20	9	Days.		

The Use of this TABLE is as plain as the *Noſe* on your *Face*, if you have but *Eyes* in your *Head*, and can count upwards as well as downwards; you may ſee, that *April 15*, and *Auguſt 28*, are nearly of the ſame Length, viz. XIII Hours, 50 Minutes.

A TABLE shewing the *Weight and Value* of the GOLD and SILVER COINS of England.

		WEIGHT.			VALUE.		
GOLD.		dwt.	gr.		l.	s.	d.
A Guinea	-	5	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	1	0
Half Guinea		2	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	-	0	10	6
Quarter Guinea		1	7	-	0	5	3
SILVER.							
A Crown	-	19	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	0	5	0
Half Crown		9	16 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	0	2	6
Shilling	-	3	20 $\frac{9}{16}$	-	0	1	0
Sixpence	-	1	22 $\frac{9}{16}$	-	0	0	6

According to the above Proportions, it appears, that the Value of a lb. of SILVER is 62s. or 3l. 2s. And of a lb. of GOLD 44  $\frac{1}{2}$  Guineas.

Also that the oz. of Silver is 5s. 2d. and the oz. of Gold 3l. 17s. 10d.  $\frac{1}{2}$ , which *Standard Price* is the same with the present *Bank Price*; and according to which is calculated the following

TABLE of the Values of the several Weights of GOLD COIN at *Bank*, or *STANDARD Price*.

Grs.	s.	d.	q.	dwt.	l.	s.	d.	q.	oz.	l.	s.	d.	q.
1	0	2	0	1	0	3	10	3	1	3	17	10	2
2	0	4	0	2	0	7	9	2	2	7	15	9	0
3	0	5	3	3	0	11	8	1	3	11	13	7	2
4	0	7	3	4	0	15	7	0	4	15	11	6	0
5	0	9	3	5	0	19	5	2	5	19	9	4	2
6	0	11	3	6	1	3	4	2	6	23	7	3	0
7	1	1	3	7	1	7	3	1	7	27	5	1	2
8	1	3	2	8	1	11	2	0	8	31	3	0	0
9	1	5	2	9	1	15	0	3	9	35	0	10	2
10	1	7	2	10	1	18	11	1	10	38	18	9	0
12	1	10	1	12	2	6	9	0	11	42	16	7	2
20	3	3	0	15	2	18	4	3	12	46	14	6	0

*Note.* That a lb. or any other Weight of GOLD, is to the same Weight of Standard SILVER as 15  $\frac{1}{14}$  to 1, or as 15 to 1 nearly: That is, the Standard GOLD is in Value 15 Times that of the Silver, and  $\frac{1}{14}$  more.

A TABLE shewing the Latitudes and Longitudes of many remarkable Places; and *what o'Clock* it is at LONDON, when it is Noon at those Places.

N. B. N. signifies North, and S. South Latitude; E. East, and W. West Longitude, from LONDON: F. Forenoon, and A. Afternoon, *there*.

Noon, at	Latitude.			Longitude			Time at Lon.		
	°	'		°	'		H.	M.	
Aberdeen	57	10	N.	1	45	W	XII.	7	A.
Adrianople	42	00	N.	26	30	E	X.	1	F.
Algiers	36	40	N.	3	20	E	XI.	47	F.
Amsterdam	52	20	N.	4	30	E.	XI.	42	F.
Annapolis Royal	45	00	N.	64	00	W.	IV.	16	A.
Barcelona	41	20	N.	2	00	E.	XI.	52	F.
Berlin	52	33	N.	13	31	E.	XI.	6	F.
Boston	42	24	N.	71	00	W.	IV.	44	A.
Bristol	51	30	N.	2	40	W	XII.	11	A.
Cadiz	36	31	N.	5	56	W.	XII.	24	A.
Cape of Good Hope	33	55	S.	18	35	E	X.	46	F.
Copenhagen, <i>Denmark</i>	55	41	N.	12	50	E.	XI.	9	F.
Dantzick	54	22	N.	18	36	E.	X.	47	F.
Dublin	53	16	N.	6	25	W.	XII.	26	A.
Edinburgh	55	58	N.	3	00	W.	XII.	12	A.
Geneva	46	12	N.	6	25	E.	XI.	34	F.
Hanover	52	32	N.	9	35	E.	XI.	22	F.
Helena St.	16	00	S.	6	00	W.	XII.	24	A.
Jerusalem	31	50	N.	35	25	E.	IX.	38	F.
Lisbon	38	42	N.	9	25	W.	XII.	38	A.
LONDON	51	30	N.	0	00		XII.	Noon	
Louisbourg	45	54	N.	59	55	W.	III.	50	A.
Madrid	40	25	N.	3	50	W.	XII.	15	A.
Mexico	20	00	N.	103	35	W.	VI.	54	A.
Moscow	55	45	N.	37	51	E.	IX.	29	F.
Naples	40	51	N.	14	19	E.	XI.	3	F.
Osnabrug	49	27	N.	7	40	E.	XI.	29	F.
Paris	48	50	N.	2	25	E.	XI.	50	F.
Port Royal, <i>Jamaica</i>	17	30	N.	77	00	W.	V.	8	A.
Quebec	46	55	N.	69	48	W.	IV.	39	A.
Rome	41	54	N.	12	30	E.	XI.	10	F.
Rotterdam	52	00	N.	4	20	E.	XI.	43	F.
Seville	37	15	N.	6	00	W.	XII.	24	A.
Stockholm	59	20	N.	19	25	E.	X.	42	F.
Syracuse	37	25	N.	15	05	E.	XI.	00	F.
Turin	45	5	N.	7	45	E.	XI.	29	F.
Venice	45	25	N.	12	4	E.	XI.	12	F.
Vienna	48	13	N.	16	27	E.	X.	54	F.
Williamsburg	37	20	N.	76	30	W.	V.	6	.
YORK	54	00	N.	0	50	W.	XII	3	A.

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A Circle truly represents the Sphere,  
 And in that Form Man's Body doth appear,  
 But whether first so made or twisted so,  
 By old *A/s-trologers* we do not know:  
 But had themselves been in this Posture put,  
 Their Backs would ache, ere Head did meet the Foot.

## The A N A T O M Y.



First comes the *Ram*, that *Head* and *Face* doth rule,  
 And after follows *Taurus* or the *Bull*,  
 Which claims the *Neck*; the *Twins* amongst the rest  
 Commands the *Arms*; and *Cancer* rules the *Breast*;  
*Leo* the *Lion* rules the *Back* and *Heart*;  
 The *Virgin* loves the *Belly* for her Part;  
 While *Libra* *Reins* and *Loins* doth undertake;  
 And *Scorpio* doth his own the *Secrets* make;  
 The *Half-horse Bow-man* claims the *Hips* and *Thighs*;  
 And *Capricorn* the feeble *Knees* supplies;  
 The wandering *Legs* must to *Aquarius* trust;  
 The *Feet* to *Pisces*, there's a *Dozen* just:  
 But, if you would have more, then count again,  
 And, if you do for ever, 'tis the same,  
 Then as it is, we let it so remain.

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Of

1780      *Poor Old, SIR Poor Robin.*    N°. 118.

Of the ECLIPSES of the SUN and MOON happening this  
YEAR 1780.

MAY 4, SUN eclipsed *invisible* :

♂ at 0<sup>h</sup> 55' in 1° 14' 54'. ♀'s Lat. 45' 43" South.

SUN centrally eclipsed on the Meridian, at 0<sup>h</sup> 26' in Long. 6° 30' West, and Lat. 44° 7' South.

The *Second*, will be an *invisible* Eclipse of the MOON, May 18.

The *Third*, will be an *invisible* Eclipse of the SUN, October 27.

But, the *Fourth*, and *last*, will be a *visible* Eclipse of the MOON, and will happen on *Sunday Morning*, the 12th of *November* :

	H. M.
Beginning of the Eclipse -	3 6
Middle - - - - -	4 35
End - - - - -	6 0

Digits eclipsed 7°. 30'. on the MOON's Southern Limb.

I have here just above, *honest Readers*, given you an Account of ALL the *Eclipses* that will happen this Year; and as there will be only *one* out of the four, that will be visible *here*, and that *one* also happening at such an *unlucky* time of a *cold* morning, that I may venture to say that very few of you will get out of your *warm* Beds to look at it: And, as the Price of *Poor Robin's* Almanack is somewhat more considerable than formerly, as well as Money more scarce also; it behoves *me* to give you something worth your Money *this*, that you may be encouraged to purchase *Old Poor Bob* another YEAR, &c.

For, *Money* is the chief Performer still,  
*Money* puts Ink into the Writer's Quill;  
 It's *Money!* that creates a quiet Life,  
 Between a *sober* Man and *scolding* Wife:  
 'Tis *Money* makes the Husbandman to plow,  
 And sow, and weed, and thresh, and reap, and mow;  
 For *Money* 'tis th' Apprentice learns his Trade,  
 Hoping in Time a Master to be made;  
 And then get MONEY! *Money* 'tis also,  
 That makes the jolly Tar the Ocean plow.  
 'Tis *Money* makes the Vintner keep a Sign,  
 That People may bring *Money* for his Wine.  
 'Tis *Money* makes the crafty Lawyer plead;  
*Money!*—does every Thing but raise the Dead.

I freely

I freely own, that I am neither *Conjurer*, nor *Knave* enough, to pretend to foretell what *all* or any one of these Eclipses may portend; this I can with Safety say; that in every common Year there are always 365 Eclipses of the SUN when his Light is lost, to us, in the Night; and gives *honest* People a good Opportunity to rest comfortably in their warm Beds: But *this* Year affords us no less than 366 of such Sort of Eclipses; and nobody knows how many of other Sorts. As when *Sots* become so drunk, that they can neither stand, nor go, sit still, nor lie down, without Help; they may be said to suffer an *Eclipse*, being totally deprived of the *Light of Reason*!

Could they but see *themselves*,—they would abhor  
Such filthy Actions;—and get drunk no more!

Having said what I have to say *this* Year about the Eclipses; shall proceed (according to Custom) to make *great* Enlargements upon *small* Matters, and say something concerning the four *unequal* Quarters of this Year; beginning with

#### The SPRING:

And shall not *this* Year trouble you with any Thing like an *Ast-trological Gimerack*; but tell you at once, that Spring often *begins* before the *End* of the preceding Winter: However, if you look back into *March*, you'll find, that on the 19th *Day*, near twelve o'Clock at *Night*, the SUN will make his Ingress into *Aries*, which Ingress is commonly called the *Beginning* of the SPRING QUARTER, making Day and Night of equal Length.

This Ingress got happily over, you'll soon see Madam *Flora* clothing our Mother *Earth* with a fine new Livery, diapered with a pleasing Variety of Flowers, and chequered with the most delightful Objects, attended with the sweet Melody of the warbling feathered Choir. This Quarter will also bring Shoals of *Mackarel*, Green Peas, Asparagus, Cherries, Gooseberries, &c. &c. &c. for any Body that has *Money*, but without *that*, you can have *nothing*, or nothing to the Purpose! Well; now for

#### The SUMMER Quarter:

Which will *this* Year begin on *Tuesday* the 20th *Day* of JUNE, at 10 o'Clock at *Night*; and follows the *Spring*, as naturally as the *Spring* followed the *Winter*. This *Quarter*, will also bring *us* the *longest* Day, and the *shortest* Night: It will likewise bring to better Perfection, a great Many of the good Things which were but coming in Season the *last* Quarter. The *Cuckoo* now takes her Leave of us; and we may reasonably expect, that, as the SUN tarries so long above our Horizon, the *Weather* will be *warm*; and, that so soon as this bright *Summer* Quarter is gone, it will be succeeded by the

*Autumnal*

## AUTUMNAL Quarter;

Which will *this* Year begin in open Day-Light; that is to say, on the 22d Day of *September*, about half an Hour before Noon: It once more makes equal Day and Night; but, they will not continue so long: However, we hope it will bring to Perfection what the Summer Quarter left unfinished: You may, I expect, find some cold Weather of *some* Sort, before this shall bid you farewell: However, it is sure to continue till succeeded by the

## WINTER Quarter;

Which will begin *this* Year, so soon as the *Autumnal* Quarter is over (if not begun before) namely, on *Thursday* the 21st Day of *December*, near *four* in the Morning; at which Time we hope all *honest* Folks will be comfortable in their *warm* Beds. In short, it will be so closely connected with the latter End of the *Autumnal* Quarter; that, without the Help of an understanding Pair of Spectacles, you can scarcely tell *which* is *which*. However, you may depend on this, that it will bring *us* the *shortest* Day, and the *longest* Night. It will be somewhat like *Pharoah's lean Kine*; ready to devour whatever we may have provided in the three preceding Seasons: It will call aloud for *Fuel*, for *Food*; and for *Fodder*: It is also like enough to bring cold, freezing, nipping, pinching Weather along with it: It will also bring Warming-Pans much into Vogue, if not in Use before; Strawberries and Cherries will be full as scarce as *Guineas* in the Pockets of a poor Poet: However, to make us amends, within four short Days of the Commencement of this Quarter, it will introduce a good fat *Christmas*, when those who have *Money* in Plenty may feast their Guts to the full (provided they have good *Stomachs*): They may also feed their *poor* Neighbours (if they happen to be *charitably* disposed). But, alas! those who have *most* Money (generally speaking) pay the *least* Regard to the Poor. Money now being (this cold Weather) the God of this World; without *it*, the wisest of Men are looked upon as the greatest of Fools; but if he has Money, the Fool shall be counted a wise Man.

Who's rich? the wise. Who's poor? the foolish Man:  
If I was wise, I should have Riches then.  
Who's wise? the rich. Then who's a Fool? the poor:  
If I am rich, I must be wise therefore.

Having got thus far on my annual Journey, hope my Readers will read the following Description of a cold Winter; chiefly from *Dryden's Virgil*.

“ The *Swallows*, privileg'd above the rest  
Of all the Birds, as *Man's* familiar Guest,

Pursue

Pursue the Sun in Summer brisk and bold,  
 But wisely shun the persecuting Cold.  
 When frowning Skies begin to change their Chear,  
 And Time turns up the wrong Side of the Year,  
 They seek a better Heav'n, and warmer Climes;  
 But, whether upward to the Moon they go,  
 Or dream the Winter out in Caves below,  
 Or hawk at Flies elsewhere, concerns us not to know.  
 No Grass the Fields, no Leaves the Forests wear!  
 The trozen Earth lies bury'd there, below  
 A hilly Heap, seven Cubits deep in Snow,  
 And all the West Allies of stormy *Boreas* blow.  
 The Sun from far peeps with a sickly Face,  
 Too weak the Clouds and mighty Fogs to chace,  
 When up the Skies he shoots his rosy Head,  
 Or in the ruddy Ocean seeks his Bed.  
 Swift Rivers are with sudden Ice restrain'd,  
 And studded Wheels are on his Back sustain'd;  
 An Hoftry now for Waggon, which before  
 Tall Ships of Burden on its Bosom bore.  
 The brazen Cauldrons with the Frost are flaw'd,  
 The Garment, stiff with Ice, at Hearths is thaw'd:  
 With Axes first they cleave the Wine, and thence  
 By Weight the solid Portions they dispense.  
 From Locks uncomb'd, and from the frozen Beard,  
 Long Icicles depend, and crackling Sounds are heard.  
 Mean Time perpetual Sleet, and driving Snow,  
 Obscure the Skies, and hang on Herds below.  
 The starving Cattle perish in their Stalls,  
 Huge Oxen stand inclos'd in wintry Walls  
 Of Snow congeal'd; whole Herds are bury'd there  
 Of mighty Stags, and scarce their Horns appear.  
 The dextrous Huntsman wounds not these afar  
 With Shafts or Darts, or makes a distant War  
 With Dogs, or pitches Toils to stop their Flight,  
 But close engages in unequal Fight;  
 And while they strive in Vain to make their Way  
 Through Hills of Snow, and pitifully bray,  
 Assaults with Dint of Swords or pointed Spears,  
 And homeward on his Back the joyful Burden bears.  
 The Men to subterranean Caves retire,  
 Secure from Cold, and croud the chearful Fire;  
 With Trunks of Elms and Oaks the Hearth they load,  
 Nor tempt the Inclemency of Heav'n abroad:  
 Their jovial Nights in Frolicks and in Play  
 They pass, to drive the tedious Hours away;

And

N<sup>o</sup>. 118. *Very* OLD, and *very* Poor Robin. 1780.

And their cold Stomachs with crown'd Goblets chear  
Of windy Cyder, or of barmy Beer :  
Such are the cold *Riphean* Race, and such  
The savage *Scythian*, and unwarlike *Dutch* ;  
Where Skins of Beasts the rude Barbarians wear,  
The Spoils of Foxes, and the furry Bear.  
*This*, while the fleecy Skies new-clothe the Wood,  
And Cakes of rustling Ice come rolling down the Flood.

And now, having a little Room left, I desire my *honest* Readers will just have Patience to consider of a Story which I have found in a Newspaper ; you may judge of it as you please ; whether or no it has a Tendency to *confirm* or *confound* what so many *Fools* are fond of : I mean *Judicial Astrology*.

" A Letter from a Gentleman in the County of *Caermarthen*, mentioning the Death of Mr. *Price*, a Person of Character and Fortune, gives the following remarkable Account of him :

" The venerable PRICE is no more ! He expired without a Groan, and has left his Grand-Daughter a pretty Fortune. He had confined himself to his Room in *Prayer* and *Meditation* three Months previous to his Dissolution, on a strong and moral Presumption that he should not get beyond his approaching ultimate *Climacteric* ; and he was *right* in his *Idea*, for he died on his *Birth-Day*, aged eighty-four. A small Manuscript that he has left behind him, confirms the Apprehensions he had entertained of dying in a *climacterical* Year, ever since the Period of twenty-one. It was his Opinion, that there is a Year assigned for each *Planet* in its Turn to *influence* the Bodies of Human-Kind ; and, that SATURN being a most *malignant Enemy* to all living Creatures, *his Year* is full of Danger.—It was the Year which *Saturn* rules, that closed the Life of this good OLD MAN !"

The END, otherwise

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